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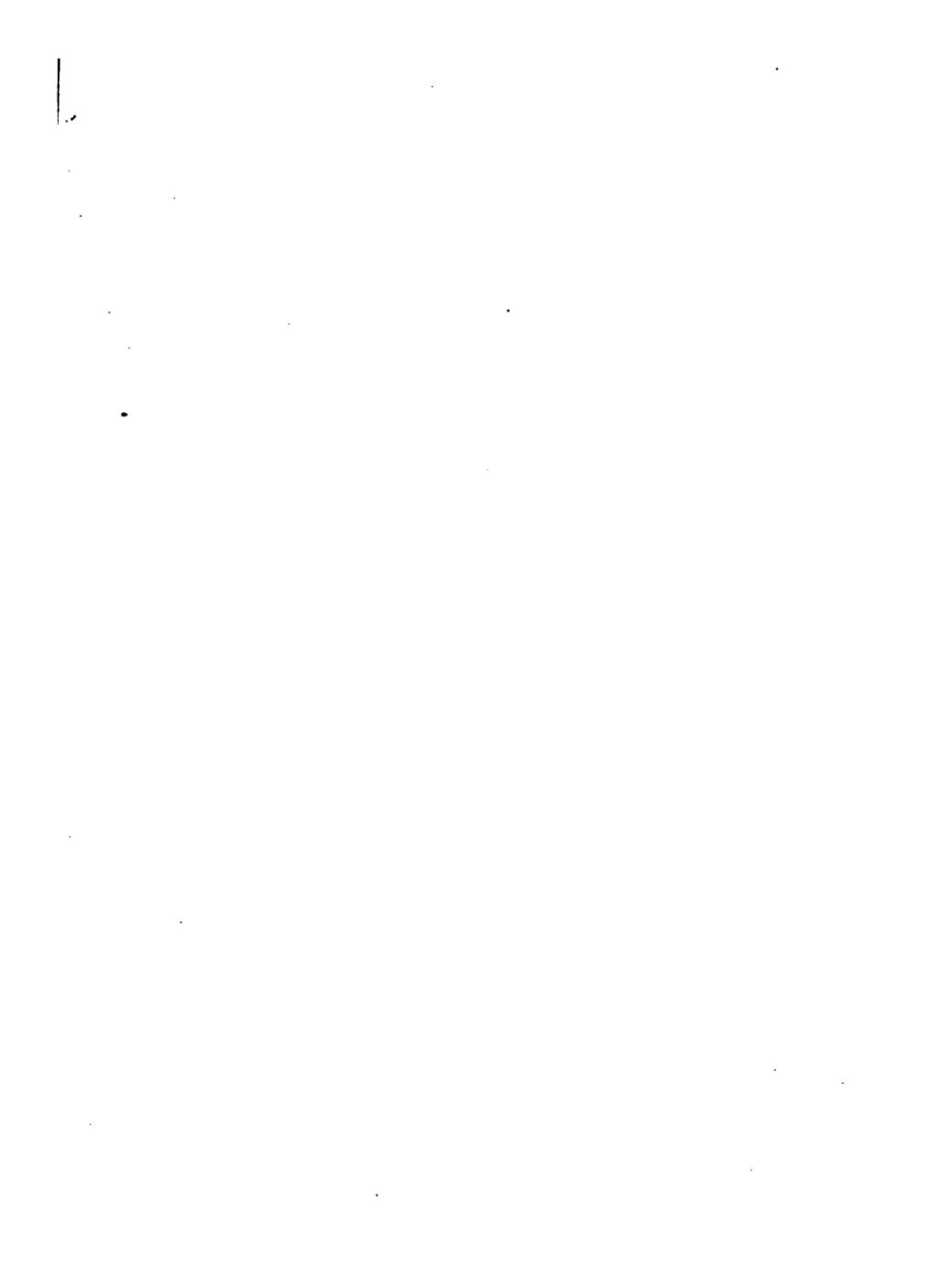
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CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE.

INTRODUCTION
TO
ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA.

I. THE HISTORY OF THE PLAY.

Antony and Cleopatra was first printed in the folio of 1623, where it occupies pages 340-368 in the division of "Tragedies;" but it was probably written in 1607 or very

early in 1608. There can be little doubt that it is the "Anthony and Cleopatra" which was entered on the Stationers' Registers, May 20th, 1608, by Edward Blount, one of the publishers of the folio. As no edition was brought out, it was re-entered by Blount in 1623 as one of the plays in the folio "not formerly entered to other men."

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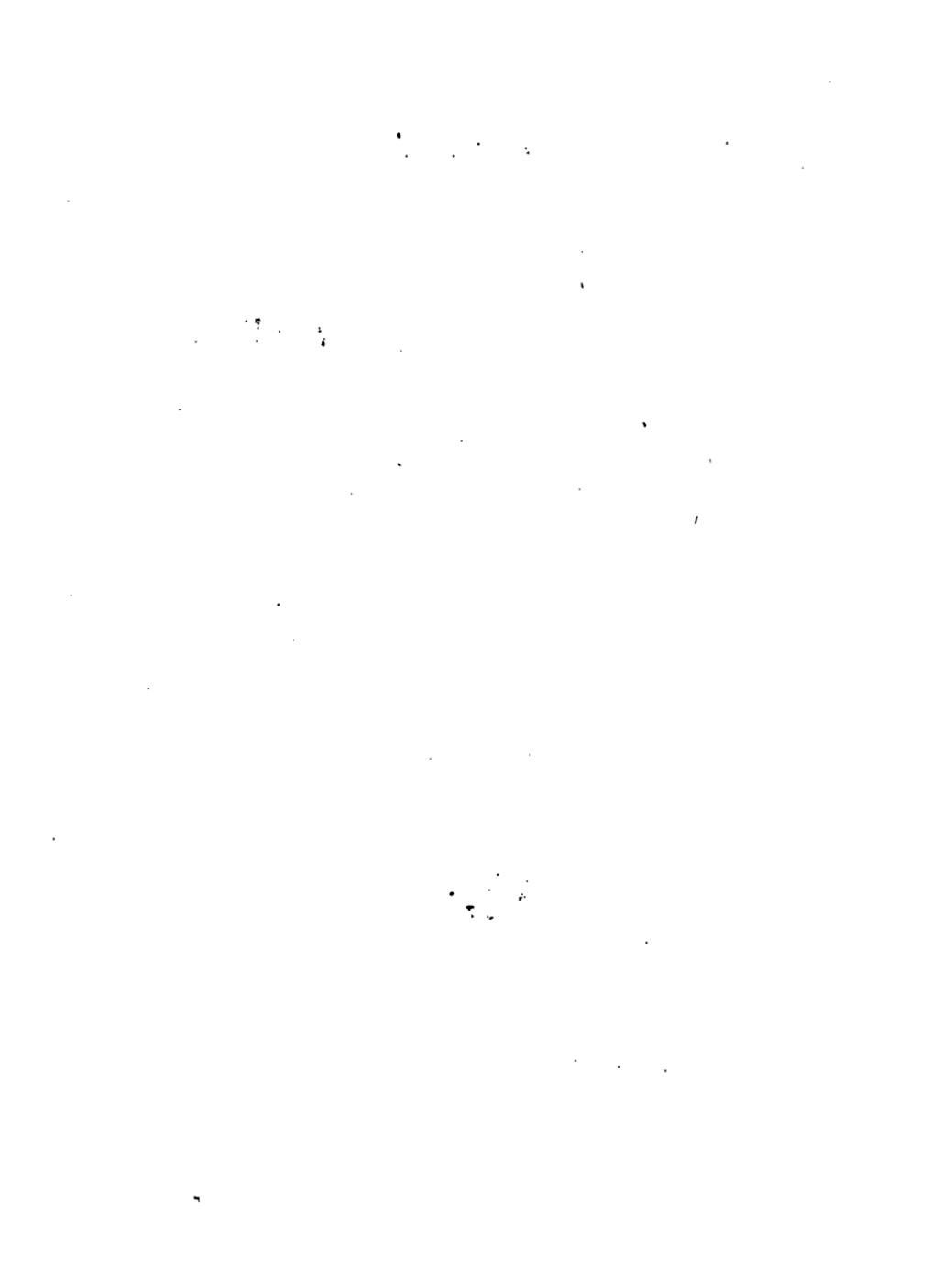








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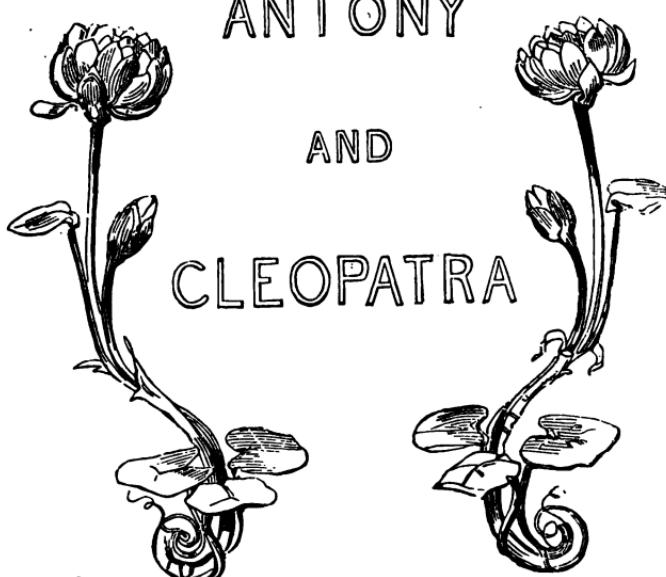


Cleopatra first met Antony upon the river of Cydnus! How admirably transferred from Plutarch's prose! And how that fatal inability to say "No" to woman shows us Antony's weakness and the cause of his final fall.

The play is like *Troilus and Cressida*, not only in lust and false women (Cressida and Cleopatra) playing such a prominent part in it, but in Antony's renown and power, and selfish preference of his own whims to honour's call, to his country's good, being the counterpart of Achilles'. All the characters are selfish except Octavia and Eros. Cæsar's description of Antony as "a man who is the abstract of all faults that men follow" is not far wrong. We were prepared by *Julius Cæsar* for the wildness in his blood and the want of noble purpose in his ordinary pursuits; for his selfishness and unscrupulousness too, by his proposal to sacrifice Lepidus. And though the redeeming qualities of his nature were shown in his love for Cæsar, his appeal to the people for revenge, and his skill in managing them, yet in his development lust and self-indulgence prevail, and under their influence he loses judgment, soldiership, even the qualities of a man. His seeming impulse towards good in the marriage of Octavia lasts but for a time; all her nobleness and virtue cannot save him. He turns from the gem of women to his Egyptian dish again, and abides by his infatuation even when he knows he's deceived.

Rich (d. 1606), Sidney's Stella, the lady of the dark eyes, whom Mr. Massey and Mr. Henry Brown have sought to identify with the 'black' lady of the *Sonnets*.—*Ed.*





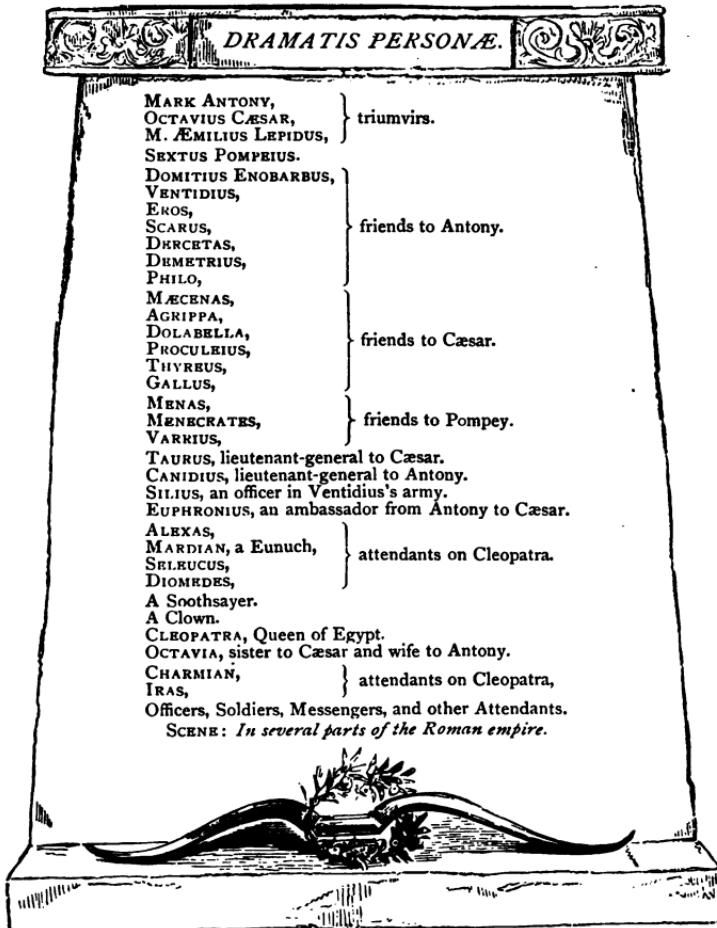
ANTONY

AND

CLEOPATRA

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

MARK ANTONY,
OCTAVIUS CÆSAR,
M. ÆMILIUS LEPIDUS, } triumvirs.
SEXTUS POMPEIUS.
DOMITIUS ENOBARBUS,
VENTIDIUS,
EROS,
SCARUS,
DRCETAS,
DEMETRIUS,
PHILO,
MÆCENAS,
AGRIPPA,
DOLABELLA,
PROCULEIUS,
THYREUS,
GALLUS,
MENAS,
MENECRATES,
VARRIUS, } friends to Antony.
TAURUS, lieutenant-general to Cæsar.
CANIDIUS, lieutenant-general to Antony.
SILIUS, an officer in Ventidius's army.
EUPHRONIUS, an ambassador from Antony to Cæsar.
ALEXAS,
MARDIAN, a Eunuch, } attendants on Cleopatra.
SELEUCUS,
DIOMEDES,
A Soothsayer.
A Clown.
CLEOPATRA, Queen of Egypt.
OCTAVIA, sister to Cæsar and wife to Antony.
CHARMIAN, } attendants on Cleopatra,
IRAS,
Officers, Soldiers, Messengers, and other Attendants.
SCENE: *In several parts of the Roman empire.*





CLEOPATRA'S PALACE.

ACT I.

SCENE I. *Alexandria. A Room in Cleopatra's Palace.*

Enter DEMETRIUS and PHILO.

Philo. Nay, but this dotage of our general's
O'erflows the measure: those his goodly eyes,
That o'er the files and musters of the war *Lewis*
Have glow'd like plated Mars, now bend, now turn
The office and devotion of their view *loping*
Upon a tawny front; his captain's heart,
unction

Which in the scuffles of great fights hath burst
 The buckles on his breast, reneges all temper,
 And is become the bellows and the fan
 To cool a gypsy's lust.

*his heart breaks
 for love*

*reneges all just
 nature, measure, ge-
 neral proportion*

in moderation

Flourish. Enter ANTONY, CLEOPATRA, her Ladies, the Train,
 with Eunuchs fanning her.

Look, where they come!

Take but good note, and you shall see in him
 The triple pillar of the world transform'd *third*.
 Into a strumpet's fool ; behold and see.

Cleopatra. If it be love indeed, tell me how much.

Antony. There 's beggary in the love that can be reckon'd.

Cleopatra. I 'll set a bourn how far to be belov'd.

Antony. Then must thou needs find out new heaven, *new you*
 earth. *and never
 come up to.*

Enter an Attendant.

Attendant. News, my good lord, from Rome.

Antony. *Grates me ; the sum.*

Cleopatra. Nay, hear them, Antony.

Fulvia perchance is angry ; or, who knows
 If the scarce-bearded Cæsar have not sent
 His powerful mandate to you, 'Do this, or this ;
 Take in that kingdom, and enfranchise that ;
 Perform 't, or else we damn thee.'

Antony. *How, my love !* *why are you
 talking so ?*

Cleopatra. Perchance,—nay, and most like,—
 You must not stay here longer, your dismission
 Is come from Cæsar ; therefore hear it, Antony.
 Where 's Fulvia's process ? Cæsar's, I would say ? both ?—
 Call in the messengers.—As I am Egypt's queen,
 Thou blushest, Antony, and that blood of thine *30*
 Is Cæsar's homager ; else so thy cheek pays shame
 When shrill-tongued Fulvia scolds.—The messengers !

Antony. Let Rome in Tiber melt, and the wide arch

Of the rang'd empire fall! Here is my space.
 Kingdoms are clay; our dungy earth alike
 Feeds beast as man: the nobleness of life
 Is to do thus; when such a mutual pair
 And such a twain can do 't, in which I bind, ^{[Embracing.}
 On pain of punishment, the world to weet
We stand up peerless.

Egypt is all ye
Space he cares for

⁴⁰ To Cleopatra. Excellent falsehood!
 Why did he marry Fulvia, and not love her?—
I'll seem the fool I am not; Antony
Will be himself.
where Antony. But stirr'd by Cleopatra.—
 Now, for the love of Love and her soft hours,
 Let's not confound the time with conference harsh;
 There's not a minute of our lives should stretch
 Without some pleasure now. What sport to-night?
Cleopatra. Hear the ambassadors.
Antony. Fie, wrangling queen!
 Whom every thing becomes—to chide, to laugh,
 To weep; whose every passion fully strives
 To make itself, in thee, fair and admir'd!
 No messenger but thine; and all alone
 To-night we'll wander through the streets and note
 The qualities of people. Come, my queen;
 Last night you did desire it.—Speak not to us.

[Exeunt Antony and Cleopatra with their train.]

Demetrius. Is Cæsar with Antonius priz'd so slight?

Philo. Sir, sometimes, when he is not Antony,
 He comes too short of that great property quality of character
 Which still should go with Antony.

Demetrius. I am full sorry
 That he approves the common liar, who confirms
 Thus speaks of him at Rome; but I will hope
 Of better deeds to-morrow. Rest you happy! [Exeunt.

SCENE II. *The Same. Another Room.*

Enter CHARMIAN, IRAS, ALEXAS, and a Soothsayer.

Charmian. Lord Alexas, sweet Alexas, most any thing Alexas, almost most absolute Alexas, where 's the soothsayer that you praised so to the queen? O, that I knew this husband, which, you say, must charge his horns with garlands!

Alexas. Soothsayer!

Soothsayer. Your will?

Charmian. Is this the man?—Is 't you, sir, that know things?

Soothsayer. In nature's infinite book of secrecy
A little I can read.

Alexas. Show him your hand.

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Enter ENOBARBUS.

Enobarbus. Bring in the banquet quickly; wine enough Cleopatra's health to drink.

Charmian. Good sir, give me good fortune.

Soothsayer. I make not, but foresee.

Charmian. Pray, then, foresee me one.

Soothsayer. You shall be yet far fairer than you are.

Charmian. He means in flesh.

Irás. No, you shall paint when you are old.

Charmian. Wrinkles forbid!

Alexas. Vex not his prescience; be attentive.

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Charmian. Hush!

Soothsayer. You shall be more beloving than belov'd.

Charmian. I had rather heat my liver with drinking.

Alexas. Nay, hear him.

Charmian. Good now, some excellent fortune! Let me ~~the prop.~~
be married to three kings in a forenoon, and widow them ~~the wife~~
all; let me have a child at fifty, to whom Herod of Jewry ~~possesses~~

may do homage; find me to marry me with Octavius Cæsar, and companion me with my mistress.

Soothsayer. You shall outlive the lady whom you serve. ³⁰ *is g*

Charmian. O excellent! I love long life better than figs. *ale*

Soothsayer. You have seen and prov'd a fairer former fortune

Than that which is to approach.

Charmian. Then belike my children shall have no names. *I like*
Prithee, how many boys and wenches must I have? *never*

Soothsayer. If fertile every wish, a million. *any*

Charmian. Out, fool! I forgive thee for a witch. *sh. he said*

Alexas. You think none but your sheets are privy to your *Alexa*
wishes. *to Prog*

Charmian. Nay, come, tell Iras hers.

Alexas. We'll know all our fortunes. ⁴⁰

Enobarbus. Mine, and most of our fortunes, to-night, shall be—drunk to bed.

Iras. There's a palm presages chastity, if nothing else.

Charmian. E'en as the o'erflowing Nilus presageth famine.

Iras. Go, you wild bedfellow, you cannot soothsay.

Charmian. Nay, if an oily palm be not a fruitful prognostication, I cannot scratch mine ear. Prithee, tell her but a worky-day fortune.

Soothsayer. Your fortunes are alike.

Iras. But how, but how? give me particulars. ⁵⁰

Soothsayer. I have said.

Iras. Am I not an inch of fortune better than she?

Charmian. Well, if you were but an inch of fortune better than I, where would you choose it?

Iras. Not in my husband's nose.

Charmian. Our worser thoughts heavens mend! Alexas,—come, his fortune, his fortune!—O, let him marry a woman that cannot go, sweet Isis, I beseech thee! and let her *rely* die too, and give him a worse! and let worse follow worse, till the worst of all follow him laughing to his grave,

fold a cuckold! Good Isis, hear me this prayer, though thou deny me a matter of more weight; good Isis, I beseech thee!

Iras. Amen. Dear goddess, hear that prayer of the people! for, as it is a heart-breaking to see a handsome man loose-wived, so it is a deadly sorrow to behold a foul knave uncuckolded; therefore, dear Isis, keep decorum, and fortune him accordingly!

Charmian. Amen.

Alexas. Lo, now, if it lay in their hands to make me a cuckold, they'd do't!

Enobarbus. Hush! here comes Antony.

Charmian. Not he; the queen.

Enter CLEOPATRA.

Cleopatra. Saw you my lord?

Enobarbus. No, lady.

Cleopatra. Was he not here?

Charmian. No, madam.

Cleopatra. He was dispos'd to mirth; but on the sudden A Roman thought hath struck him.—*Enobarbus!*

Enobarbus. Madam?

Cleopatra. Seek him, and bring him hither.—Where's *Alexas*?

Alexas. Here, at your service.—My lord approaches.

Cleopatra. We will not look upon him; go with us.

[*Exeunt.*

Enter ANTONY with a Messenger and Attendants.

Messenger. Fulvia thy wife first came into the field.

Antony. Against my brother Lucius?

Messenger. Ay;

But soon that war had end, and the time's state

Made friends of them, jointing their force 'gainst Cæsar,

Whose better issue in the war, from Italy

Upon the first encounter drove them.

Antony.

Well, what worst?

Messenger. The nature of bad news infects the teller.

Antony. When it concerns the fool or coward.—On!

Things that are past are done with me.—T is thus;
Who tells me true, though in his tale lie death,
I hear him as he flatter'd.

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Messenger. Labienus—

This is stiff news—hath, with his Parthian force,
Extended Asia from Euphrates,
His conquering banner shook from Syria *Seized on Asia all the way fr. Euphr.*
To Lydia and to Ionia;
Whilst—

Antony. Antony, thou wouldest say,—

Messenger. O, my lord!

Antony. Speak to me home, mince not the general tongue: *down with what body is*
Name Cleopatra as she is call'd in Rome;
Rail thou in Fulvia's phrase, and taunt my faults
With such full license as both truth and malice

Have power to utter. O, then we bring forth weeds
When our quick minds lie still; and our ills told us
Is as our earing. Fare thee well awhile. *ploughing*

Messenger. At your noble pleasure. *[Exit.]*

Antony. From Sicyon, ho, the news! Speak there!

1 *Attendant.* The man from Sicyon,—is there such an
one?

2 *Attendant.* He stays upon your will.

Antony. Let him appear.—

These strong Egyptian fetters I must break,
Or lose myself in dotage.

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Enter another Messenger.

What are you?

2 *Messenger.* Fulvia thy wife is dead.

Antony.

Where died she?

2 *Messenger.* In Sicyon;

Her length of sickness, with what else more serious
Importeth thee to know, this bears. [Gives a letter.

Antony.

Forbear me.—

Leave me [Exit 2 Messenger.

There 's a great spirit gone! Thus did I desire it.

What our contempt doth often hurl from us, *often in some*

We wish it ours again; the present pleasure, *changes position*

By revolution lowering, does become

The opposite of itself. She 's good, being gone; *is gone*

The hand could pluck her back that shov'd her on. *is gone*

I must from this enchanting queen break off;

Ten thousand harms, more than the ills I know,

My idleness doth hatch.—Ho! Enobarbus!

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Re-enter ENOBARBUS.

Enobarbus. What 's your pleasure, sir?

Antony. I must with haste from hence.

Enobarbus. Why, then, we kill all our women. We see how mortal an unkindness is to them; if they suffer our departure, death 's the word.

Antony. I must be gone.

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Enobarbus. Under a compelling occasion, let women die: it were pity to cast them away for nothing; though, between them and a great cause, they should be esteemed nothing. Cleopatra, catching but the least noise of this, dies instantly; I have seen her die twenty times upon far poorer moment. I do think there is mettle in death, which commits some loving act upon her, she hath such a celerity in dying.

Antony. She is cunning past man's thought.

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Enobarbus. Alack, sir, no; her passions are made of nothing but the finest part of pure love. We cannot call her winds and waters sighs and tears; they are greater storms *as Jove.* and tempests than almanacs can report. This cannot be cunning in her; if it be, she makes a shower of rain as well *winds* as *Jove.*

Antony. Would I had never seen her!

Enobarbus. O, sir, you had then left unseen a wonderful piece of work, which not to have been blest withal would have discredited your travel.

Antony. Fulvia is dead.

Enobarbus. Sir?

Antony. Fulvia is dead.

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Enobarbus. Fulvia!

Antony. Dead.

Enobarbus. Why, sir, give the gods a thankful sacrifice.

~~careless~~
~~expressing~~ When it pleaseth their deities to take the wife of a man from him, it shows to man the tailors of the earth; comforting ^{ys all} ~~who~~ exhibit ~~man~~ therein, that when old robes are worn out, there are members to make new. If there were no more women but Fulvia, then had you indeed a cut, and the case to be lamented. This grief is crowned with consolation; your old smock brings forth a new petticoat;—and indeed the tears live in an onion that should water this sorrow.

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Antony. The business she hath broached in the state
Cannot endure my absence.

Enobarbus. And the business you have broached here Set abroach,
cannot be without you; especially that of Cleopatra's, which begin-
wholly depends on your abode.

Antony. No more light answers. Let our officers
Have notice what we purpose. I shall break
The cause of our expedience to the queen, ^{Expedition} ^{better,}
And get her leave to part; for not alone ^{however, is hast}
The death of Fulvia, with more urgent touches, ^{hgr. yet effect}
Do strongly speak to us, but the letters too ^{me more urgently}
Of many our contriving friends in Rome
Petition us at home. Sextus Pompeius
Hath given the ⁶ dare to Cæsar, and commands
The empire of the sea: our slippery people,
Whose love is never link'd to the deserter
Till his deserts are past, begin to throw

sletting
for us

Pompēy the Great and all his dignities
 Upon his son; who, high in name and power,
Domine Higher than both in blood and life, stands up
Spirit For the main soldier; whose quality, going on,
stately The sides o' the world may danger. Much is breeding,
sober Which, like the courser's hair, hath yet but life,
flame And not a serpent's poison. Say, our pleasure,
the of you To such whose place is under us, requires
old Our quick remove from hence.

old Enobarbus. I shall do 't. *Expanding, in ye* [Exeunt.
new hair powdered *full development of itself*

water SCENE III. *The Same. Another Room.*

a serpent Enter CLEOPATRA, CHARMIAN, IRAS, and ALEXAS.

Cleopatra. Where is he?

Charmian. I did not see him since.

Cleopatra. See where he is, who's with him, what he does;
 I did not send you.—If you find him sad,
 Say I am dancing; if in mirth, report

That I am sudden sick: quick, and return. [Exit Alexas.

Charmian. Madam, methinks, if you did love him dearly,
 You do not hold the method to enforce *the right way*
 The like from him.

Cleopatra. What should I do, I do not? *which*

Charmian. In each thing give him way, cross him in
 nothing.

Cleopatra. Thou teachest like a fool,—the way to lose him.

Charmian. Tempt him not so too far; I wish, forbear: *your effect*
 In time we hate that which we often fear. *pitthee, I pray*
 But here comes Antony.

Enter ANTONY.

Cleopatra. I am sick and sullen. *To Charmian:*

to my Antony. I am sorry to give breathing to my purpose.—

recently Cleopatra. Help me away, dear Charmian, I shall fall;

words,

said to Antony; She is going to

It cannot be thus long, the sides of nature
Will not sustain it. frame

Antony. Now, my dearest queen,—

Cleopatra. Pray you, stand farther from me.

Antony. What's the matter?

Cleopatra. I know, by that same eye, there's some good news.

What says the married woman?—You may go;
Would she had never given you leave to come!
Let her not say 'tis I that keep you here;
I have no power upon you, hers you are.

Antony. The gods best know,—

Cleopatra. O, never was there queen
So mightily betray'd! yet at the first
I saw the treasons planted.

Antony. Cleopatra,—

Cleopatra. Why should I think you can be mine and true,
Though you in swearing shake the throned gods,
Who have been false to Fulvia? Riotous madness, on my part
To be entangled with those mouth-made vows,
Which break themselves in swearing!

Antony. Most sweet queen,—

Cleopatra. Nay, pray you, seek no colour for your going, pretexts
But bid farewell, and go. When you sued staying,
Then was the time for words: no going then;
Eternity was in our lips and eyes, ^{our}
Bliss in our brows' bent, none our parts so poor
But was a race of heaven: they are so still, ^{but was of less}
Or thou, the greatest soldier of the world, ^{by breed, race}
Art turn'd the greatest liar.

Antony. How now, lady!

Cleopatra. I would I had thy inches; thou shouldst know
There were a heart in Egypt.

Antony. Hear me, queen.

The strong necessity of time commands

Our services awhile, but my full heart
 Remains in use with you. Our Italy *you have ye use*
 Shines o'er with civil swords; Sextus Pompeius *or enjoyment*
 Makes his approaches to the port of Rome: *(reinfect)*
 Equality of two domestic powers

raise Breed scrupulous faction. The hated, grown to strength,
nestions Are newly grown to love: the condemn'd Pompey, *have lately*
to ye Rich in his father's honour, creeps apace *come to be loved*
robability Into the hearts of such as have not thriv'd
success Upon the present state, whose numbers threaten;
as do And quietness, grown sick of rest, would purge *i.e. its sickness, &*
me know By any desperate change. My more particular, *Galleries way*
featur And that which most with you should safe my going, *of course.*
be best Is Fulvia's death. *reckless*

change Cleopatra. Though age from folly could not give me free-
not like dom, *makes any adg.* *Te reason of her*
agent It does from childishness.—Can Fulvia die? *me more as a friend*
view me Antony. She's dead, my queen.

dear Look here, and at thy sovereign leisure read
in fe The garboils she awak'd; at the last, best, *troubles* ⁶⁰
ely, it See when and where she died. *she lost wh. is best*

no pa. Cleopatra. O most false love! *Technymator*
idolat Where be the sacred vials thou shouldst fill *allusion to Hippo*
lax With sorrowful water? Now I see, I see,
 In Fulvia's death, how mine receiv'd shall be.

Antony. Quarrel no more, but be prepar'd to know
 The purposes I bear, which are, or cease, *to have within me,*
 As you shall give the advice. By the fire *Kurbor.*
 That quickens Nilus' slime, I go from hence
 Thy soldier, servant, making peace or war
 As thou affect'st. *dearest* ⁷⁰

Cleopatra. Cut my lace, Charmian, come.—
 But let it be.—I am quickly ill,—and well, *you needn't do it*
 So Antony loves.

Antony. My precious queen, forbear;

And give true evidence to his love, which stands
An honourable trial.

Cleopatra. So Fulvia told me.
I prithee, turn aside and weep for her;
Then bid adieu to me, and say the tears
Belong to Egypt: good now, play one scene
Of excellent dissembling, and let it look
Like perfect honour.

Antony. You'll heat my blood; no more. ^{so}

Cleopatra. You can do better yet; but this is meetly. very well

Antony. Now, by my sword,—

Cleopatra. And target.—Still he mends,
But this is not the best. Look, prithee, Charmian,
How this Herculean Roman does become

The carriage of his chafe. departure of his irritation,
in how Antony. I'll leave you, lady. into departure.

Cleopatra. Courteous lord, one word.

Sir, you and I must part,—but that's not it;

Sir, you and I have lov'd,—but there's not it;

That you know well: something it is I would,—

O, my oblivion is a very Antony, wanted to say.

And I am all forgotten.

Antony. But that your royalty had what I was going
Holds idleness your subject, I should take you to say
For idleness itself.

Cleopatra. 'T is sweating labour green I'd say
To bear such idleness so near the heart

As Cleopatra this. But, sir, forgive me, you were ye most

Since my becomings kill me when they do not alive but ye most

Eye well to you. Your honour calls you hence; become me; eye

Therefore be deaf to my unpitied folly, the eye of been

And all the gods go with you! Upon your sword me will be the eye of the world

Sit laurel victory! and smooth success I do not mean you will be the eye of the world

Be strew'd before your feet! for wh. you feel no pity

Antony. Let us go. Come;

Our separation so abides and flies, now, we two parting both stay
That thou, residing here, go'st yet with me, or go in a certain course,
 And I, hence fleeting, here remain with thee. going away carry you
Away! w. the viles are [Exeunt.]

SCENE IV. Rome. Cæsar's House.

Enter OCTAVIUS CÆSAR, reading a letter, LEPIDUS, and their train. —

Cæsar. You may see, Lepidus, and henceforth know,
 It is not Cæsar's natural vice to hate
 Our great competitor. From Alexandria associate.
 This is the news: he fishes, drinks, and wastes
 The lamps of night in revel; is not more manlike
 Than Cleopatra, nor the queen of Ptolemy
 More womanly than he; hardly gave audience, or
 Vouchsaf'd to think he had partners: you shall find there
 A man who is the abstract of all faults
 That all men follow.

Lepidus. I must not think there are 10
 Evils enow to darken all his goodness.
 His faults in him seem as the spots of heaven,
 More fiery by night's blackness, hereditary
 Rather than purchas'd, what he cannot change acquired
 Than what he chooses.

Cæsar. You are too indulgent. Let us grant it is not
 Amiss to tumble on the bed of Ptolemy,
 To give a kingdom for a mirth, to sit to give kingdoms
 And keep the turn of tippling with a slave, away for sport,
 To reel the streets at noon and stand the buffet to amuse himself,
 With knaves that smell of sweat; say this becomes him,—
 As his composure must be rare indeed exchange slaves
 Whom these things cannot blemish,—yet must Antony

No way excuse his soils, when we do bear gore tags w. oil,
great weight in his lightness. If he fill'd blemish him
composition, mixture.

His company with his ~~delightful~~ ^{delightful} friends

Fare parties and ~~the excess~~ ^{the excess} of his excess

~~mete~~ ^{mete} ~~but to~~ ^{but to} ~~profound~~ ^{profound} such a we

~~has not~~ ^{has not} ~~That draws~~ ^{That draws} him from his sport, and speaks as loud

~~ende~~ ^{ende} ~~As his own state and curse~~ ^{As his own state} ~~is to be~~ ^{is to be} ~~the~~

As we true boys, who being mature in knowledge,

Pay ~~their~~ ^{their} experience to their present pleasure,

And so ~~rebel~~ ^{rebel} to judgment.

Enter a Messenger.

~~against~~ ^{against} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~curse~~ ^{curse} ~~mete~~ ^{mete} ~~Leptius.~~

Here's more news.

~~Messenger.~~ Thy biddings have been done; and every hour,
Most noble Cæsar, shalt thou have report
How 't is abroad. Pompey is strong at sea,
And it appears he is belov'd of those
That only have fear'd Cæsar; to the ports
The ~~discontents~~ ^{discontents} repair, and men's reports
Give him much wrong'd. ~~repreasent~~ ^{repreasent}

~~Cæsar.~~

I should have known no less.

~~yet never~~ ^{yet never} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~who is in~~ ^{who is in} ~~power was~~ ^{power was} ~~desir'd to be~~ ^{desir'd to be} ~~gates~~ ^{gates} ~~he were~~ ^{he were} ~~power~~ ^{power} It hath been taught us from the primal state,

~~yet never~~ ^{yet never} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~That he which is was~~ ^{That he which is was} ~~wish'd until he were~~ ^{wish'd until he were}

~~yet never~~ ^{yet never} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~And the ebb'd man~~ ^{And the ebb'd man} ne'er lov'd till ne'er worth love.

~~yet never~~ ^{yet never} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~comes dear'd by being lack'd~~ ^{comes dear'd by being lack'd} This common ~~body~~ ^{body}

~~yet never~~ ^{yet never} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~Like to a vagabond flag upon the stream~~ ^{Like to a vagabond flag upon the stream}

~~yet never~~ ^{yet never} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~Goes to and back, lackeying the varying tide~~ ^{Goes to and back, lackeying the varying tide}

~~yet never~~ ^{yet never} ~~it~~ ^{it} ~~To rot itself with motion.~~ ^{To rot itself with motion.}

~~wandering~~ ^{wandering} ~~upon~~ ^{upon} ~~Cæsar.~~ ^{Cæsar.} I bring thee word,

~~wandering~~ ^{wandering} ~~upon~~ ^{upon} ~~Menebrates and Mebas, famous pirates~~ ^{Menebrates and Mebas, famous pirates}

~~wandering~~ ^{wandering} ~~upon~~ ^{upon} ~~make the sea serve them, which they ear and wound~~ ^{make the sea serve them, which they ear and wound}

~~wandering~~ ^{wandering} ~~upon~~ ^{upon} ~~With keels of every kind: many hot inroads~~ ^{With keels of every kind: many hot inroads}

~~wandering~~ ^{wandering} ~~upon~~ ^{upon} ~~They make in Italy; the borders maritime~~ ^{They make in Italy; the borders maritime}

~~wandering~~ ^{wandering} ~~upon~~ ^{upon} ~~Lack blood to think on 't, and flush youth revolt.~~ ^{Lack blood to think on 't, and flush youth revolt.}

~~wandering~~ ^{wandering} ~~upon~~ ^{upon} ~~No vessel can peep forth, but 't is as soon~~ ^{No vessel can peep forth, but 't is as soon}

~~wandering~~ ^{wandering} ~~upon~~ ^{upon} ~~Taken as seen; for Pompey's name strikes more~~ ^{Taken as seen; for Pompey's name strikes more}

~~wandering~~ ^{wandering} ~~upon~~ ^{upon} ~~Than could his war resisted.~~ ^{Than could his war resisted.}

~~produces~~ ^{produces} ~~the next~~ ^{the next} ~~to his end in a~~ ^{to his end in a}

*Cæsar.**Antony,*

Leave thy lascivious wassails. When thou once
Wast beaten from Modena, where thou slew'st

Hirtius and Pansa, consuls, at thy heel

Did famine follow, whom thou fought'st against,
Though daintily brought up, with patience more

Than savages could suffer: thou didst drink

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The stale of horses and the gilded puddle [?] *flashes w. all colors*
Which beasts would cough at; thy palate then did deign

~~seen~~ *the roughest berry on the rudest hedge;*

~~seen~~ *Yea, like the stag, when snow the pasture sheets,*
The barks of trees thou browsedst; on the Alps

It is reported thou didst eat strange flesh,

Which some did die to look on: and all this—

It wounds thine honour that I speak it now—

Was borne so like a soldier, that thy cheek

So much as lank'd not.

didn't grow thin under
g.s. diet.

*Lepidus.**'T is pity of him.*

~~act.~~ *Cæsar. Let his shames quickly*

'T is pity of him

~~act.~~ *Drive him to Rome. 'T is time we twain*

'T is pity of him

~~act.~~ *Did show ourselves i' the field; and to that end*

for him

Assemble we immediate council: Pompey

Thrives in our idleness.

*Lepidus.**To-morrow, Cæsar,*

I shall be furnish'd to inform you rightly

Both what by sea and land I can be able

To front this present time.

confront, face) ye

*Cæsar.**Till which encounter, emergency*

It is my business too. Farewell.

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*Lepidus.**Farewell, my lord. What you shall know mean-**time*

Of stirs abroad, I shall beseech you, sir,

To let me be partaker.

*Cæsar.**Doubt not, sir;*

I made
I knew it for my bond.

[Exeunt.

SCENE V. *Alexandria. Cleopatra's Palace.*

Enter CLEOPATRA, CHARMIAN, IRAS, and MARDIAN.

Cleopatra. Charmian !

Charmian. Madam ?

Cleopatra. Ha, ha !—

Give me to drink mandragora. *mandrake*.

Charmian. Why, madam ?

Cleopatra. That I might sleep out this great gap of time
My Antony is away.

Charmian. You think of him too much.

Cleopatra. O, 't is treason ! *1.6. Say. 1.4. 1.5.*

Charmian. Madam, I trust, not so.

Cleopatra. Thou, eunuch Mardian ! *Fam. his. 1.6.*

Mardian. What's your highness' pleasure ?

Cleopatra. Not now to hear thee sing.—O Charmian,
Where think'st thou he is now ? Stands he, or sits he ? *1.6.*
Or does he walk ? or is he on his horse ?

O happy horse, to bear the weight of Antony !

Do bravely, horse ! for wot'st thou whom thou mov'st ?

The demi-Atlas of this earth, the arm *1.6. He carries 1.6.*
And burgonet of men.—He's speaking now *1.6. He wears on his shoulder 1.6. of Helen*
Or murmuring 'Where's my serpent of old Nile ?'

For so he calls me ; now I feed myself

With most delicious poison.—Think on me,

That am with Phœbus' amorous pinches black,

And wrinkled deep in time. Broad-fronted Cæsar, ! *1.6. 2.1. 2.2.*

When thou wast here above the ground, I was

A morsel for a monarch ; and great Pompey

Would stand and make his eyes grow in my brow :

There would he anchor his aspect and die

With looking on his life.

Enter ALEXAS.

Alexas. Sovereign of Egypt, hail!

Cleopatra. How much unlike art thou Mark Antony!

Yet, coming from him, that great medicine hath
With his tinct gilded thee.— structure

How goes it with my brave Mark Antony?

Alexas. Last thing he did, dear queen,

He kiss'd,—the last of many doubled kisses,—

This orient pearl. His speech sticks in my heart.

Cleopatra. Mine ear must pluck it thence.

Alexas. 'Good friend,' quoth he,

'Say, the firm Roman to great Egypt sends

This treasure of an oyster; at whose foot,

To mend the petty present, I will piece

Her opulent throne with kingdoms: all the east,

Say thou, shall call her mistress.' So he nodded,

And soberly did mount an arm-gaunt steed,

Who neigh'd so high, that what I would have spoke

Was beastly dumb'd by him.

Cleopatra. What, was he sad or merry?

Alexas. Like to the time o' the year between the extremes

Of hot and cold, he was nor sad nor merry.

Cleopatra. O well-divided disposition! Note him,

Note him, good Charmian, t is the man, but note him:

He was not sad, for he would shine on those

That make their looks by his; he was not merry,

Which seem'd to tell them his remembrance lay

In Egypt with his joy; but between both.

O heavenly mingle!—Be'st thou sad or merry,

The violence of either thee becomes,

So does it no man else.—Met'st thou my posts?

Alexas. Ay, madam, twenty several messengers.

Why do you send so thick?

Cleopatra.

Who's born that day

When I forget to send to Antony,
 Shall die a beggar.—Ink and paper, Charmian.—
 Welcome, my good Alexas.—Did I, Charmian,
 Ever love Cæsar so?

Charmian. O that brave Cæsar!

Cleopatra. Be chok'd with such another emphasis!
 Say, the brave Antony.

Charmian. The valiant Cæsar!

Cleopatra. By Isis, I will give thee bloody teeth,
 If thou with Cæsar paragon again ~~pattern, compare~~
 My man of men.

Charmian. By your most gracious pardon,
 I sing but after you. *I am only repeating what you used to say*

Cleopatra. My salad days,
 When I was green in judgment,—cold in blood,
 To say as I said then!—But, come, away;
 Get me ink and paper.

He shall have every day a several greeting,
 Or I 'll unpeople Egypt. *Separate messengers* [Exeunt.]



OSTIA AT THE PRESENT DAY.
 the port of Rome (i. 3, 46).



The barge she sat in, like a burnish'd throne,
Burn'd on the water (ii. 2. 192).

ACT II.

SCENE I. *Messina. Pompey's House.*

Enter POMPEY, MENECRATES, and MENAS, in warlike manner.

Pompey. If the great gods be just, they shall assist
The deeds of justest men.

Menecrates. Know, worthy Pompey,
That what they do delay, they not deny.

Pompey. Whiles we are suitors to their throne, decays
The thing we sue for.

Menecrates. We, ignorant of ourselves,
Beg often our own harms, which the wise powers

Enobarbus. Every time
Serves for the matter that is then born in 't. 10
Lepidus. But small to greater matters must give way.
Enobarbus. Not if the small come first.
Lepidus. Your speech is passion;
But, pray you, stir no embers up. Here comes
The noble Antony.

Enter ANTONY and VENTIDIUS.
Enobarbus. And yonder, Cæsar.

Enter CÆSAR, MÆCENAS, and AGRIPPA.

Antony. If we compose well here, to Parthia; agree. Pal
Hark, Ventidius.

Cæsar. I do not know,
Mæcenas; ask Agrippa.

Lepidus. Noble friends,
That which combin'd us was most great, and let not bearing
A leaner action rend us. What's amiss,
May it be gently heard; when we debate a more severe of
Our trivial difference loud, we do commit a dispute of
Murther in healing wounds. Then, noble partners, seq.
The rather for I earnestly beseech, a rec. of
Touch you the sorest points with sweetest terms, rec. of
Nor curstness grow to the matter. rec. of

Antony. Coming to, stick to 'T is spoken well.
Were we before our armies, and to fight, not to
I should do thus. Flourish

Cæsar. Welcome to Rome.

Antony. Thank you. debate
Cæsar. Sit. debate

Antony. Sit, sir. debate

Cæsar.

Antony. Nay, then. we
I learn, you take things ill which are not so, will
Or being, concern you not. wont

being so.

Cæsar.

I must be laugh'd at,

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If, or for nothing or a little, I
Should say myself offended, and with you
Chiefly i' the world; more laugh'd at, that I should
Once name you derogately, when to sound your name
It not concern'd me.

Antony.

My being in Egypt, Cæsar,

What was 't to you?

Cæsar. No more than my residing here at Rome
Might be to you in Egypt; yet, if you there
Did practise on my state, your being in Egypt
Might be my question.

Antony.

How intend you, practis'd?

Cæsar. You may be pleas'd to catch at mine intent
By what did here befall me. Your wife and brother

Made wars upon me; and their contestation

Was theme for you, you were the word of war.

Antony. You do mistake your business; my brother never

Did urge me in his act. I did inquire it,

And have my learning from some true reports,

That drew their swords with you. Did he not rather

Discredit my authority with yours,

And make the wars alike against my stomach,

Having alike your cause? Of this my letters

Before did satisfy you. If you'll patch a quarrel,

As matter whole you have not to make it with,

It must not be with this.

Cæsar. whole cloth You praise yourself

By laying defects of judgment to me, but

You patch'd up your excuses.

Not so, not so;

Antony. I know you could not lack, I am certain on 't,

Very necessity of this thought, that I,

Your partner in the cause 'gainst which he fought,

Could not with graceful eyes attend those wars

- was no 1 suff. excuse & you had to but

a lot of you together.

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if the style of
debate

Cæsar. Welcome to Rome.

Antony. Thank you.

Sit.

Sit, sir.

Cæsar. Nay, then. 1. Et. of
Antony. I learn, you take things ill which are not so, 1. Et. of
Or being, concern you not. 1. Et. of
being so.

Cæsar.

I must be laugh'd at,

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If, or for nothing or a little, I
Should say myself offended, and with you
*all the
world*
Chiefly i' the world; more laugh'd at, that I should
Once name you derogately, when to sound your name
It not concern'd me.

Antony.

My being in Egypt, Cæsar,

What was 't to you?

Cæsar. No more than my residing here at Rome

Might be to you in Egypt; yet, if you there

~~at against~~ Did practise on my state, your being in Egypt
~~up power~~ Might be my question. *concern*

Antony.

How intend you, practis'd?

Cæsar. You may be pleas'd to catch at mine intent
By what did here befall me. Your wife and brother

~~of you~~ Made wars upon me; and their contestation

~~its effect~~ Was theme for you, you were the word of war.

Antony. You do mistake your business; my brother never

Did urge me in his act. I did inquire it,

~~after course~~ And have my learning from some true reports, mention

~~in you~~ That drew their swords with you. Did he not rather information

~~as were~~ Discredit my authority with yours,

~~theme~~ And make the wars alike against my stomach,

~~contestation~~ Having alike your cause? Of this my letters

~~wrench~~ Before did satisfy you. If you'll patch a quarrel,

~~genius~~ As matter whole you have not to make it with,

~~never~~ It must not be with this.

Cæsar. ~~whole cloth~~

You praise yourself make up, contrive
By laying defects of judgment to me, but in conjunction w.-I.

~~hope due~~ You patch'd up your excuses. make up all together (?)

~~for double~~ *Antony.*

Not so, not so;

I know you could not lack, I am certain on 't, you cannot be
want you need
Very necessity of this thought, that I,

Your partner in the cause 'gainst which he fought, you must think

Could not with graceful eyes attend those wars

~~was no 1 suff. excuse & you had to put~~
~~a lot of you together - g.d.k.~~
~~look at - g.d.k.~~

Which fronted mine own peace. As for my wife, opposes ^{by} I would you had her spirit in such another; departed ^{of} The third o' the world is yours, which with a snaffle ordinary You may pace easy, but not such a wife.

*make
pace, break
in, reduce
to order*

Enobarbus. Would we had all such wives, that the men might go to wars with the women!

Antony. So much uncurbable, her garboils, Cæsar, she died Made out of her impatience, which not wanted she mad Shrewdness of policy too, I grieving grant Did you too much disquiet; for that you must But say, I could not help it.

Cæsar. I wrote to you When rioting in Alexandria; you Did pocket up my letters, and with taunts *Scouts & flouts* I Did gibe my missive out of audience. *messenger*

Antony. Sir, A your He fell upon me ere admitted: then Three kings I had newly feasted, and did want I was in Of what I was i' the morning; but next day I was in I told him of myself, which was as much had feasted As to have ask'd him pardon. Let this fellow 3 kings. Be nothing of our strife; if we contend, be no part ^{so} in intervention Out of our question wipe him. or fit estate Cæsar. You have broken him - 1st The article of your oath, which you shall never Have tongue to charge me with.

Lepidus.

Soft, Cæsar!

Antony.

No,

Lepidus, let him speak; The honour is sacred which he talks on now, honour of a Supposing that I lack'd it. But, on, Cæsar; The article of my oath.

Cæsar. To lend me arms and aid when I requir'd them; The which you both denied.

Antony.

Neglected rather,

when I was bound
in prisoned hours

And then when poison'd hours had bound me up
From mine own knowledge. As nearly as I may,
I'll play the penitent to you; but mine honesty
Shall not make poor my greatness, nor my power
Work without it. Truth is, that Fulvia,
To have me out of Egypt, made wars here;
For which myself, the ignorant motive, do
So far ask pardon as befits mine honour
To stoop in such a case.

Lepidus. "T is noble spoken.

Mæcenas. If it might please you, to enforce no further
The griefs between ye; to forget them quite
Were to remember that the present need
Speaks to atone you.

Lepidus. Worthily spoken, Mæcenas.

Enobarbus. Or, if you borrow one another's love for the ^{it w^{ll} be a good idea} present need,
instant, you may, when you hear no more words of Pompey,
return it again; you shall have time to wrangle in when you
have nothing else to do.

Antony. Thou art a soldier only; speak no more.

Enobarbus. That truth should be silent I had almost forgot.

Antony. You wrong this presence; therefore speak no
more.

Enobarbus. Go to, then; your considerate stone.

Cæsar. I do not much dislike the matter, but

The manner of his speech; for 't cannot be

We shall remain in friendship, our conditions

So differing in their acts. Yet, if I knew

What hoop should hold us stanch, from edge to edge

O' the world I would pursue it.

Agrippa.

Give me leave, Cæsar,—

Cæsar. Speak, Agrippa.

Agrippa. Thou hast a sister by the mother's side,

Admir'd Octavia; great Mark Antony

Is now a widower.

Cæsar. Say not so, Agrippa ;
 If Cleopatra heard you, your reproof
 Were well deserv'd of rashness.
Antony. I am not married, Cæsar ; let me hear Agrippa serve
 further speak.

Agrippa. To hold you in perpetual amity,
 To make you brothers, and to knit your hearts
 With an unslipping knot, take Antony
 Octavia to his wife ; whose beauty claims
 No worse a husband than the best of men,
 Whose virtue and whose general graces speak
 That which none else can utter. By this marriage,
 All little jealousies which now seem great, *suspicious*
 And all great fears which now import their dangers, *carry w. you*
 Would then be nothing ; truths would be tales,
 Where now half tales be truths ; her love to both
 Would each to other and all loves to both
 Draw after her. Pardon what I have spoke, *tend to*
 For 't is a studied, not a present thought,
 By duty ruminated.

Antony. Will Cæsar speak ?
Cæsar. Not till he hears how Antony is touch'd
 With what is spoke already.

Antony. What power is in Agrippa,
 If I would say, 'Agrippa, be it so,'
 To make this good ?

Cæsar. The power of Cæsar, and
 His power unto Octavia. *single use in y.s. way in sh.*

Antony. May I never
 To this good purpose, that so fairly shows,
 Dream of impediment !—Let me have thy hand ;
 Further this act of grace, and from this hour
 The heart of brothers govern in our loves
 And sway our great designs !

Cæsar. There is my hand.

A sister I bequeath you, whom no brother
 Did ever love so dearly; let her live
 To join our kingdoms and our hearts, and never
 Fly off our loves again!

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Lepidus.

Happily, amen!

Antony. I did not think to draw my sword 'gainst Pompey,
 For he hath laid strange courtesies and great ~~extraordinary~~
 Of late upon me. I must thank him only, ~~at least~~ - 9.4.15
 Lest my remembrance suffer ill report; remembrance of his
kindness ~~at heel of~~ of that, defy him.

Lepidus.

Time calls upon's;

Of us must Pompey presently be sought,
 Or else he seeks out us.

Antony.

Where lies he?

Cæsar. About the Mount Misenum.*Antony.* What is his strength by land?*Cæsar.* Great and increasing; but by sea

He is an absolute master.

Antony.

So is the fame.

Would we had spoke together! Haste we for it;
 Yet, ere we put ourselves in arms, dispatch we
 The business we have talk'd of.

Cæsar.

With most gladness;

And do invite you to my sister's view,
 Whither straight I'll lead you.

Antony.

Let us, Lepidus,

Not lack your company.

Lepidus.

Noble Antony,

Not sickness should detain me.

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[Flourish. *Exeunt Cæsar, Antony, and Lepidus.**Mæcenas.* Welcome from Egypt, sir.

Enobarbus. Half the heart of Cæsar, worthy Mæcenas!—
 My honourable friend, Agrippa!

Agrippa. Good Enobarbus!

Mæcenas. We have cause to be glad that matters are so
 well digested. You stay'd well by't in Egypt.

Enobarbus. Arranged (biggins)
Stuck to it, stayed you
a good ...

Enobarbus. Ay, sir; we did sleep day out of countenance, ^{but} and made the night light with drinking. ^{and be}

Macenas. Eight wild boars roasted whole at a breakfast, ^{pair} and but twelve persons there; is this true? ^{181. it}

Enobarbus. This was but as a fly by an eagle; we had ^{had} much more monstrous matter of feast, which worthily de- ^{col} served noting. ^{right}

Macenas. She's a most triumphant lady, if report be ^{be} just ^{square} to her. *Surpassing beauty*

Enobarbus. When she first met Mark Antony, ^{she} pursed up his heart, upon the river of Cydnus. ^{contrac}

Agrippa. There she appeared indeed, or my reporter de- ^{vised} well for her. ^{made a fine appearance}

Enobarbus. I will tell you.
The barge she sat in, like a burnish'd throne,
Burn'd on the water; the poop was beaten gold;
Purple the sails, and so perfumed that
The winds were love-sick with them; the oars were silver,
Which to the tune of flutes kept stroke, and made
The water which they beat to follow faster,
As amorous of their strokes. For her own person,
It beggar'd all description: she did lie

gold inter- In her pavilion—cloth-of-gold of tissue— ^{1 of Blue} *she*
handw. O'er picturing that Venus where we see ^{any statue of Ven}
woolen or The fancy outwork nature; on each side her *silken cloth* stood pretty dimpled boys, like smiling Cupids,
heads of With divers-colour'd fans, whose wind did seem
gold are To glow the delicate cheeks which they did cool,
part of ye And what they undid did. ^{only apparently; ye reflect}

Agrippa. Seems to do; O, rare for Antony! ^{light of ye}

Enobarbus. Her gentlewomen, like the Nereides, ^{seenish} *for Antony* So many mermaids, tended her i' the eyes, ^{Communis} *ye bowering* And made their bends adornings; at the helm ^{her cheeks} *of ye body* A seeming mermaid steers; the silken tackle ^{ye robes in} *ye bairnes* Swell with the touches of those flower-soft hands, ^{the robes in} *really add* ²¹⁰ *to see beauties* *waited upon* *she and we admiring*

That yarely frame the office. From the barge readily perform
 A strange invisible perfume hits the sense
 Of the adjacent wharfs. The city cast embankment, stone
 Her people out upon her, and Antony,
 Enthron'd i' the market-place, did sit alone,
 Whistling to the air; which, but for vacancy, vacuum + y
 Had gone to gaze on Cleopatra too
 And made a gap in nature. air had some respect

Agrippa.

Rare Egyptian!

Enobarbus. Upon her landing, Antony sent to her,
 Invited her to supper; she replied,
 It should be better he became her guest,
 Which she entreated. Our courteous Antony,
 Whom ne'er the word of 'No' woman heard speak,
 Being barber'd ten times o'er, goes to the feast,
 And for his ordinary pays his heart
 For what his eyes eat only.

Agrippa. Royal wench! not despot at all
 She made great Cæsar lay his sword to bed.

Enobarbus. I saw her once
 Hop forty paces through the public street;
 And having lost her breath, she spoke, and panted,
 That she did make defect perfection,
 And, breathless, power breathe forth.

Mæcenas. Now Antony must leave her utterly.

Enobarbus. Never; he will not.
 Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale render stale
 Her infinite variety: other women cloy
 The appetites they feed, but she makes hungry
 Where most she satisfies; for vilest things
become themselves in her, that the holy priests
 Bless her when she is riggish. wanton

Mæcenas. If beauty, wisdom, modesty, can settle
 The heart of Antony, Octavia is
 A blessed lottery to him.

Agrippa.

Let us go.—

Good Enobarbus, make yourself my guest
Whilst you abide here.*Enobarbus.*

Humbly, sir, I thank you. [Exeunt.

SCENE III. *The Same. Cæsar's House.**Enter ANTONY, CÆSAR, OCTAVIA between them, and Attendants.**Antony.* The world and my great office will sometimes
Divide me from your bosom.*Octavia.* All which time
Before the gods my knee shall bow my prayers
To them for you.*Antony.* Good night, sir.—My Octavia,
Read not my blemishes in the world's report;
I have not kept my square, but that to come cf. 5. 1. 5
Shall all be done by the rule. Good night, dear lady.—
Good night, sir.*Cæsar.* Good night. [Exeunt Cæsar and Octavia.*Enter Soothsayer.**Antony.* Now! sirrah; you do wish yourself in Egypt? ¹⁰*Soothsayer.* Would I had never come from thence, nor you
thither!*Antony.* If you can, your reason?*Soothsayer.* I see it in my motion, have it not in my ~~utter~~
tongue; but yet hie you to Egypt again. ^{ly, in n}*Antony.* Say to me, whose fortunes shall rise higher, Cæsar's or mine?*Soothsayer.* Cæsar's.Therefore, O Antony, stay not by his side.
Thy demon, that thy spirit which keeps thee, is
Noble, courageous, high, unmatchable,
Where Cæsar's is not; but near him thy angel^{"Lemn. Reg."}
"minerals weak motion" ²⁰ Othel

Becomes a fear, as being o'erpower'd : therefore
Make space enough between you.

Antony. Speak this no more.

Soothsayer. To none but thee ; no more but when to thee.
If thou dost play with him at any game,
Thou art sure to lose ; and, of that natural luck,
He beats thee 'gainst the odds : thy lustre thickens grows dim
When he shines by. I say again, thy spirit
Is all afraid to govern thee near him,
But, he away, 't is noble. 30

Antony. Get thee gone ;
Say to Ventidius I would speak with him.—

[*Exit Soothsayer.*]

He shall to Parthia.—Be it art or hap,
He hath spoken true ; the very dice obey him,
And in our sports my better cunning faints Skill
Under his chance. If we draw lots, he speeds ; prosper
His cocks do win the battle still of mine, I used to match
~~cks~~ When it is all to nought ; and his quails ever quails
~~red to~~ ~~be in~~ Beat mine, inhoop'd, at odds. I will to Egypt ;
~~ring~~ And though I make this marriage for my peace,
~~closed~~ I' the east my pleasure lies.—

y hoope.

Enter VENTIDIUS.

O, come, Ventidius,
You must to Parthia : your commission's ready ;
Follow me, and receive 't.

[*Exeunt.*]

SCENE IV. *The Same. A Street.*

Enter LEPIDUS, MÆCENAS, and AGRIPPA.

Lepidus. Trouble yourselves no further ; pray you, hasten
Your generals after.

Agrippa. Sir, Mark Antony
Will e'en but kiss Octavia, and we'll follow.

Lepidus. Till I shall see you in your soldier's dress,
Which will become you both, farewell.

Mæcenas. We shall,
As I conceive the journey, be at the Mount *mt. Misenum*
Before you, Lepidus.

Lepidus. Your way is shorter;
My purposes do draw me much about: *by a roundabout way*
You 'll win two days upon me.

Mæcenas. }

Agrippa. }

Lepidus. Farewell.

Sir, good success!

[*Exeunt.*]

SCENE V. *Alexandria. Cleopatra's Palace.*

Enter CLEOPATRA, CHARMIAN, IRAS, and ALEXAS.

Cleopatra. Give me some music; music, moody food *melanch*
Of us that trade in love.

Attendants.

The music, ho!

Enter MARDIAN the Eunuch.

Cleopatra. Let it alone; let 's to billiards: come, Charmian.

Charmian. My arm is sore; best play with Mardian.

Cleopatra. As well a woman with an eunuch play'd
As with a woman.—Come, you 'll play with me, sir?

Mardian. As well as I can, madam.

Cleopatra. And when good will is show'd, though 't come
too short,

The actor may plead pardon. I 'll none now.—

Give me mine angle; we 'll to the river: there,

My music playing far off, I will betray

Tawny-finn'd fishes; my bended hook shall pierce

Their slimy jaws, and, as I draw them up,

I 'll think them every one an Antony,

And say ' Ah, ha ! you 're caught.'

Charmian.

hook & line
'T was merry when

You wager'd on your angling; when your diver
Did hang a salt-fish on his hook, which he
With fervency drew up. *Egeressa.*

Cleopatra. That time,—O times!—
I laugh'd him out of patience; and that night
I laugh'd him into patience: and next morn,
Ere the ninth hour, I drunk him to his bed;
Then put my tires and mantles on him, whilst
I wore his sword Philippan.—*named on a cut of battle
of Philippi*

*tidings
full of
interest*
Enter a Messenger. O, from Italy!
Ram thou thy fruitful tidings in mine ears,
That long time have been barren.

Messenger. Madam, madam,—
Cleopatra. Antony's dead!—If thou say so, villain,
Thou kill'st thy mistress; but well and free, *maintain his
equality w.
Caesar.*
If thou so yield him, there is gold, and here
My bluest veins to kiss, a hand that kings
Have lipp'd, and trembled kissing.

Messenger. First, madam, he is well.
Cleopatra. Why, there's more gold.
But, sirrah, mark, we use *are accustomed*
To say the dead are well; bring it to that,
The gold I give thee will I melt and pour
Down thy ill-uttering throat.

Messenger. Good madam, hear me.
Cleopatra. Well, go to, I will; *Here, a
reproof*
But there's no goodness in thy face. If Antony
Be free and healthful,—so tart a favour *so soon a face*
To trumpet such good tidings! if not well,

Thou shouldst come like a fury crown'd with snakes,
Not like a formal man.

Messenger. Will 't please you hear me?

Cleopatra. I have a mind to strike thee ere thou speak'st;

Yet, if thou say Antony lives, is well,
Or friends with Cæsar, or not captive to him,
I 'll set thee in a shower of gold, and hail
Rich pearls upon thee.

Messenger. Madam, he 's well.

Cleopatra. Well said.

Messenger. And friends with Cæsar.

Cleopatra. Thou 'rt an honest man.

Messenger. Cæsar and he are greater friends than ever.

Cleopatra. Make thee a fortune from me.

Messenger. But yet, madam,—

Cleopatra. I do not like 'but yet,' it does allay 50

The good precedence; fie upon 'but yet!'

'But yet' is as a gaoler to bring forth

Some monstrous malefactor. Prithee, friend,

Pour out the pack of matter to mine ear,

The good and bad together: he 's friends with Cæsar;

In state of health, thou say'st; and thou say'st, free.

Messenger. Free, madam! no; I made no such report:
He 's bound unto Octavia.

Cleopatra. For what good turn?

Messenger. For the best turn i' the bed.

Cleopatra. I am pale, Charmian.

Messenger. Madam, he 's married to Octavia. 60

Cleopatra. The most infectious pestilence upon thee!

[*Strikes him down.*

Messenger. Good madam, patience.

Cleopatra. What say you?—Hence,

[*Strikes him again.*

Horrible villain! or I 'll spurn thine eyes

Like balls before me; I 'll unhair thy head.

[*She hales him up and down.*

Thou shalt be whipp'd with wire, and stew'd in brine,

Smarting in lingering pickle.

Messenger. Gracious madam,
I that do bring the news made not the match.

Cleopatra. Say 't is not so, a province I will give thee,
And make thy fortunes proud; the blow thou hadst
Shall make thy peace for moving me to rage,
And I will boot thee with what gift beside
Thy modesty can beg.

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Messenger. He's married, madam.

Cleopatra. Rogue, thou hast liv'd too long.

[Draws a knife.]

Messenger. Nay, then I'll run.—
What mean you, madam? I have made no fault. [Exit.]

Charmian. Good madam, keep yourself within yourself;
The man is innocent.

Cleopatra. Some innocents scape not the thunderbolt.—
Melt Egypt into Nile! and kindly creatures natural
Turn all to serpents!—Call the slave again; creatures
Though I am mad, I will not bite him: call.

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Charmian. He is afeard to come.

Cleopatra. I will not hurt him.

[Exit Charmian.]

These hands do lack nobility, that they strike
A meaner than myself, since I myself
Have given myself the cause.—

Re-enter CHARMIAN and Messenger.

*The part
of our
right
now.* Come hither, sir.
Though it be honest, it is never good
To bring bad news; give to a gracious message
An host of tongues, but let ill tidings tell
Themselves when they be felt.

Messenger. I have done my duty.

Cleopatra. Is he married?

I cannot hate thee worser than I do,
If thou again say yes.

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Messenger. He's married, madam.

Cleopatra. The gods confound thee! dost thou hold there
still?

Stick ye

Messenger. Should I lie, madam?

Cleopatra. O, I would thou didst,
So half my Egypt were submerg'd and made
A cistern for scal'd snakes! Go, get thee hence;
Hadst thou Narcissus in thy face, to me
Thou wouldest appear most ugly. He is married?

Messenger. I crave your highness' pardon.

Cleopatra. He is married? *to go*

Messenger. Take no offence that I would not offend you;
To punish me for what you make me do

Seems much unequal. He's married to Octavia. *Lat. sense;*

Cleopatra. O, that his fault should make a knave of thee, *wings*
That art not what thou 'rt sure of!—Get thee hence:
The merchandise which thou hast brought from Rome
Are all too dear for me; lie they upon thy hand,
And be undone by 'em! *[Exit Messenger.]*

Charmian. Good your highness, patience.

Cleopatra. In praising Antony, I have disprais'd Cæsar.

Charmian. Many times, madam.

Cleopatra. I am paid for 't now. *it.*

Lead me from hence;

I faint. O Iras! Charmian!—T is no matter.—

Go to the fellow, good Alexas; bid him

Report the feature of Octavia, her years,

Her inclination, let him not leave out

The colour of her hair: bring me word quickly.—

[Exit Alexas.]

Let him for ever go;—let him not—Charmian,

Though he be painted one way like a Gorgon,

The other way 's a Mars.—Bid you Alexas

[To Mariana. sign] Bring me word how tall she is.—Pity me, Charmian,

But do not speak to me.—Lead me to my chamber.

[Exeunt, another way is a N]

SCENE VI. *Near Misenum.*

Flourish. Enter POMPEY and MENAS at one side, with drum and trumpet; at another, CÆSAR, ANTONY, LEPIDUS, ENOBARBUS, MÆCENAS, with Soldiers marching.

Pompey. Your hostages I have, so have you mine;
And we shall talk before we fight.

Cæsar. Most meet
That first we come to words; and therefore have we
Our written purposes before us sent, *(terms, proposals)*
Which if thou hast consider'd, let us know
If 't will tie up thy discontented sword,
And carry back to Sicily much tall youth *stout, brave*
That else must perish here.

Pompey. To you all three,
The senators alone of this great world,
Chief factors for the gods, I do not know
Wherefore my father should revengers want,
Having a son and friends; since Julius Cæsar,
Who at Philippi the good Brutus ghosted,
There saw you labouring for him. What was 't
That mov'd pale Cassius to conspire, and what
Made the all-honour'd, honest Roman, Brutus,
With the arm'd rest, courtiers of beauteous freedom,
To drench the Capitol, but that they would
Have one man but a man? And that is it
Hath made me rig my navy, at whose burthen
The anger'd ocean foams; with which I meant
To scourge the ingratitude that despiteful Rome *hateful calling*
first hated.
ay all Cast on my noble father.

Cæsar. Take your time.

Antony. Thou canst not fear us, Pompey, with thy sails;
say. We'll speak with thee at sea: at land, thou know'st
How much we do o'ercount thee. *frighten*

Pompey. At land, indeed,
 Thou dost o'ercount me of my father's house; *Fn. de j. by exte*
 But since the cuckoo builds not for himself,
 Remain in 't as thou mayst. *Cuckoo get into the*
bird's nest lay yr eggs

it. *Lei's house* *Lepidus.* Be pleas'd to tell us—
 For this is from the present—how you take
 The offers we have sent you.

Cæsar. There's the point.

Antony. Which do not be entreated to, but weigh
 What it is worth embrac'd.

Cæsar. And what may follow, *what may*
 To try a larger fortune. *follow, if yo*

Pompey. You have made me offer *try what*
 Of Sicily, Sardinia; and I must
 Rid all the sea of pirates; then, to send *risks you run*
 Measures of wheat to Rome: this greed upon, *agreed*
 To part with unhack'd edges, and bear back *not to try yr cou*
 Our targes undinted. *shields*

Cæsar.

Antony.

Lepidus.

Pompey.

That's our offer.

Know, then,

I came before you here a man prepar'd
 To take this offer; but Mark Antony
 Put me to some impatience. Though I lose
 The praise of it by telling, you must know,
 When Cæsar and your brother were at blows,
 Your mother came to Sicily and did find
 Her welcome friendly.

Antony. I have heard it, Pompey,
 And am well studied for a liberal thanks *very desirous,*
 Which I do owe you. *very much incl*

Pompey. Let me have your hand; *or bent upon*
 I did not think, sir, to have met you here. *my will is*

Antony. The beds i' the east are soft; and thanks to you, *ready*

Than did I the weaker ever purpose bane,
For I have given it to thee.

Cæsar. Since I saw you last
There is a change upon you.

Flimsey. Well I know not
When ~~comes~~ harsh fortune ~~comes~~ upon me face
But in my bosom shall she never come
To make my heart her vessel.

Legibus. Well met here.
Flimsey. I hope so, Legibus.—Thus we are agreed;
I crave our ~~composition~~ may be written. *compact, reduced
to writing*

Cæsar. That's the next to do.
Flimsey. We'll feast each other ere we part, and let's draw
Lots who shall begin.

Antony. That will I Pompey. *I'll begin*
Pompey. No, Antony, take the lot; but first
Or last, your fine Egyptian cookery
Shall have the fame. I have heard that Julius Cæsar
Grew fat with feasting there.

Antony. You have heard much.
Pompey. I have fair meanings, sir.

Antony. And fair words to them.
Pompey. Then so much have I heard;
And I have heard, Apollodorus carried—

Enobarbus. No more of that; he did so.
Pompey. What, I pray you?

Enobarbus. A certain queen to Cæsar in a mattress.
Pompey. I know thee now; how far'st thou, soldier?

Enobarbus. Well;
And well am like to do, for I perceive
Four feasts are toward.

Pompey. Let me shake thy hand;
I never hated thee. I have seen thee fight,
When I have envied thy behaviour.

Enobarbus. Sir,
I never lov'd you much, but I ha' prais'd ye
When you have well deserv'd ten times as much
As I have said you did.

Pompey. Enjoy thy plainness,
It nothing ill becomes thee.—
Aboard my galley I invite you all.
Will you lead, lords?

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*Cæsar.**Antony.**Lepidus.**Pompey.*

Show us the way, sir.

Come.

[*Exeunt all but Menas and Enobarbus.*]

Menas. [Aside] Thy father, Pompey, would ne'er have
made this treaty.—You and I have known, sir.

Enobarbus. At sea, I think.*Menas.* We have, sir.*Enobarbus.* You have done well by water.*Menas.* And you by land.

Enobarbus. I will praise any man that will praise me;
though it cannot be denied what I have done by land.

Menas. Nor what I have done by water.

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Enobarbus. Yes, something you can deny for your own
safety; you have been a great thief by sea.

Menas. And you by land.

Enobarbus. There I deny my land service. But give me
your hand, Menas; if our eyes had authority, here they might if
take two thieves kissing.

Menas. All men's faces are true, whatsome'er their hands
are.

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Enobarbus. But there is never a fair woman has a true face.*Menas.* No slander; they steal hearts.*Enobarbus.* We came hither to fight with you.

Menas. For my part, I am sorry it is turned to a drinking.
Pompey doth this day laugh away his fortune.

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Enobarbus. If he do, sure, he cannot weep 't back again.

Menas. You 've said, sir. We looked not for Mark Anthony here; pray you is he married to Cleopatra? Really!

Enobarbus. Caesar's sister is called Octavia.

Menas. True, sir; she was the wife of Caius Marcellus.

Enobarbus. But she is now the wife of Marcus Antonius.

Menas. Pray ye, sir? 110

Enobarbus. T is true.

Menas. Then is Cæsar and he for ever knit together.

Enobarbus. If I were bound to divine of this unity, I would not prophesy so.

Menas. I think the policy of that purpose made more ⁱⁿ Policy in the marriage than the love of the parties. ^{it proposed}

Enobarbus. I think so too; but you shall find, the band that seems to tie their friendship together will be the very strangler of their amity. Octavia is of a holy, cold, and still ^{to marry} conversation. ¹²⁰ way of life. ^{to Octavia}

Menas. Who would not have his wife so?

Enobarbus. Not he that himself is not so; which is Mark Antony. He will to his Egyptian dish again: then shall the sighs of Octavia blow the fire up in Cæsar; and, as I said before, that which is the strength of their amity shall prove the immediate author of their variance. Antony will use his ^{indulge} affection where it is; he married but his occasion here.

Menas. And thus it may be. Come, sir, will you aboard? ^{in his love.} I have a health for you.

Enobarbus. I shall take it, sir; we have used our throats ¹²⁹ S. Mitchell in Egypt.

Menas. Come, let 's away.

[*Exeunt.*]

SCENE VII. *On board Pompey's Galley, off Misenum.*

Music plays. Enter two or three Servants with a banquet.

1 Servant. Here they 'll be, man. Some o' their plants ^{ye poles} are ill-rooted already; the least wind i' the world will blow ^{of yr. feet} them down. ^{are not firm-footed}

2 Servant. Lepidus is high-coloured.

1 Servant. They have made him drink alms-drink. ^{W. much drinking} ~~do justice~~

~~Prof. C.~~ ~~Each man~~
~~As y^e strong~~ ~~he cries out 'No more'; reconciles them to his entreaty, and~~
~~understand~~ ~~himself to the drink.~~

~~Q.S.~~ ~~1 Servant.~~ But it raises the greater war between him and ~~him~~ ^{the} ~~com~~

~~As y^e strong~~ ~~his discretion.~~ ~~Swallows ye undignity~~

^{to y^e or}

~~2 Servant.~~ Why, this it is to have a name in great men's law ^{make him} ~~fellowship~~; I had as lief have a reed that will do me no ^h ~~drunk more~~ service as a partisan I could not heave.

~~In his share.~~ ~~1 Servant.~~ To be called into a huge sphere, and not to be ~~seen to move in 't~~ ^{the h} ~~afford him~~ ^{seen} ~~pitifully disaster the checks.~~ ~~To have a name is out of~~

~~by y^e dissipation / Plotemare attorney triumphate~~ ^{to be} ~~make~~ ~~him drink~~ ~~more~~ ~~Captains.~~ ~~A serpent sounded. Enter CÆSAR, ANTONY, LEPIDUS, POMPEY, AGRIPPA, MÆCENAS, ENOBARBUS, MENAS, with other~~

~~is a kitifed calamity to~~ ^{3.4. X} ~~Antony. [To Cæsar]~~ Thus do they, sir: they take the flow

~~o' the Nile~~

~~Most reasonable: Y^e share~~

~~By certain scales i' the pyramid; they know,~~

~~By the height, the lowness, or the mean, if dearth~~ ^{As to Caesar} ~~Or foison follow. The higher Nilus swells,~~

~~The more it promises; as it ebbs, the seedsman~~ ^{Lepidus} ~~disposition~~

~~Upon the slime and ooze scatters his grain,~~

~~And shortly comes to harvest.~~ ^{soft mud at last} ~~ye water - Sch.~~

~~Lepidus.~~ You've strange serpents there.

~~Antony.~~ Ay, Lepidus.

~~Lepidus.~~ Your serpent of Egypt is bred now of your mud ^{Y^e cold} ~~by the operation of your sun; so is your crocodile.~~

~~Antony.~~ They are so.

~~Pompey.~~ Sit,—and some wine!—A health to Lepidus!

~~Lepidus.~~ I am not so well as I should be, but I'll ne'er

~~out.~~ ~~quit ye company on I'll take my 3¹ turn~~

~~Enobarbus.~~ Not till you have slept; I fear me you'll be ~~in~~ till then.

~~take~~ be a Lepidus. Nay, certainly, I have heard the Ptolemies' pyramids are very goodly things; without contradiction, I have heard that.

Menas. [Aside to Pompey] Pompey, a word.

Pompey. [Aside to Menas] Say in mine ear: what is 't?

Menas. [Aside to Pompey] Forsake thy seat, I do beseech thee, captain,

And hear me speak a word.

~~take~~ ~~me~~ Pompey. [Aside to Menas] Forbear me till anon.—This wine for Lepidus! ~~Challenge to~~

Lepidus. What manner o' thing is your crocodile?

Antony. It is shaped, sir, like itself, and it is as broad as it hath breadth; it is just so high as it is, and moves with its own organs; it lives by that which nourisheth it; and the elements once out of it, it transmigrates.

Lepidus. What colour is it of?

Antony. Of it own colour too.

Lepidus. 'T is a strange serpent.

Antony. 'T is so; and the tears of it are wet.

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Cæsar. Will this description satisfy him?

Antony. With the health that Pompey gives him, else he is a very epicure.

Pompey. [Aside to Menas] Go hang, sir, hang! Tell me of that? away!

Do as I bid you.—Where 's this cup I call'd for?

Menas. [Aside to Pompey] If for the sake of merit thou wilt hear me,

Rise from thy stool.

Pompey. [Aside to Menas] I think thou 'rt mad. The matter? [Rises, and walks aside.]

Menas. I have ever held my cap off to thy fortunes. ~~Served~~.

Pompey. Thou hast serv'd me with much faith. What's else to say?—

Be jolly, lords.

Antony. These quicksands, Lepidus, 60
Keep off them, for you sink.

Menas. Wilt thou be lord of all the world?

Pompey. What say'st thou?

Menas. Wilt thou be lord of the whole world? That's twice.

Pompey. How should that be?

Menas. But entertain it,

And, though thou think me poor, I am the man
Will give thee all the world.

Pompey. Hast thou drunk well?

Menas. No, Pompey, I have kept me from the cup.
Thou art, if thou dar'st be, the earthly Jove;
Whate'er the ocean pales, or sky inclips, *encloses* - *3ch.*
Is thine, if thou wilt ha't.

Pompey. Show me which way.

Menas. These three world-sharers, these competitors, ⁷⁰ *associ*
Are in thy vessel; let me cut the cable,
And, when we are put off, fall to their throats:
All there is thine. *paratus*

Pompey. Ah, this thou shouldst have done,
And not have spoke on't! In me 't is villany;
In thee 't had been good service. Thou must know,
'T is not my profit that does lead mine honour; *interest does*
Mine honour, it. Repent that e'er thy tongue *comes first w.*
Hath so betray'd thine act; being done unknown,
I should have found it afterwards well done,
But must condemn it now. Desist, and drink. ⁸⁰

Menas. [Aside] For this,
I'll never follow thy pall'd fortunes more. *wanted, lost its*
Who seeks, and will not take when once 't is offer'd, *spirit, then*
Shall never find it more.

Pompey. This health to Lepidus!

Antony. Bear him ashore. I'll pledge it for him, Pompey.

Enobarbus. Here's to thee, Menas!

Menas. *Enobarbus, welcome!*

Pompey. Fill till the cup be hid. *1.8. inside - 9. L.K.*

Enobarbus. There's a strong fellow, Menas.

[Pointing to the Attendant who carries off Lepidus.

Menas. Why? ⁹⁰

Enobarbus. A' bears the third part of the world, man; see'st not?

Menas. The third part, then, is drunk; would it were all, *common phrase*
That it might go on wheels! *low you had*

count of Enobarbus. Drink thou; increase the reels. *certain amount of humour*

Menas. Come.

bring in world Pompey. This is not yet an Alexandrian feast

Antony. It ripens towards it.—Strike the vessels, ho! *You haven't*
Here is to Caesar! *drunk as heavy as you did you*

Cæsar. I could well forbear 't. *tap ye casks*
It's monstrous labour, when I wash my brain, ¹⁰⁰
And it grows fouler.

Antony. Be a child o' the time. *be one of ye world*
Cæsar. Possess it, I'll make answer; *while you're in it* ¹⁰⁰
But I had rather fast from all four days

Than drink so much in one.

Enobarbus. Ha, my brave emperor! [To Antony.
Shall we dance now the Egyptian Bacchanals,
And celebrate our drink?

Pompey. Let's ha 't, good soldier.

Antony. Come, let's all take hands,
Till that the conquering wine hath steep'd our sense
In soft and delicate Lethe.

Enobarbus. All take hands.—

Make battery to our ears with the loud music.

The while I'll place you: then the boy shall sing;
The holding every man shall bear as loud *burdens (what is*

ever in it, As his strong sides can volley. *comes).*

Music plays. Enobarbus places them hand in hand.

1.8. scene 1. Prof. B.

* Take ye cup, or ye drink, I'll accept your
challenge & drink as much as y^e 's — *that a*
5-5 interpretation poss. *that a*

Song.

Come, thou monarch of the vine, *little bits of*
Plumpy Bacchus with pink eyne! *because* *(half-shut)*
In thy fats our cares be drown'd,
With thy grapes our hairs be crown'd! *water*
Cup us, till the world go round, *the hair of care*
Cup us, till the world go round! *us*

Cæsar. What would you more?—Pompey, good night.—

Good brother,

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Let me request you off; our graver business *ask you to*
 Frowns at this levity.—Gentle lords, let 's part;
 You see we have burnt our cheeks. Strong Enobarb
 Is weaker than the wine, and mine own tongue
 Splits what it speaks; the wild disguise hath almost *4 are*
made us Antick'd us all. What needs more words? Good night, *sep* *Egypt* *bacha*
 Good Antony, your hand.

Pompey. I 'll try you on the shore.

Antony. And shall, sir; give 's your hand.

Pompey. O Antony,

You have my father's house,—but, what? we are friends. *he* *he*

Come, down into the boat.

Enobarbus. *very good* Take heed you fall not.— *130* *him*

[Exeunt all but Enobarbus and Menas.]

Menas. I 'll not on shore.

Menas. No, to my cabin.—

These drums! these trumpets, flutes! what!—

Let Neptune hear we bid a loud farewell

To these great fellows; sound and be hang'd, sound out!

[Sound a flourish, with drums.]

Enobarbus. Hoo! says a'.—There 's my cap. *(down.)*

Menas. Hoo!—Noble captain, come.

*[Exeunt. *to say*)*

(to say)



PROW OF A ROMAN GALLEY.

ACT III.

SCENE I. *A Plain in Syria.*

Enter VENTIDIUS as it were in triumph, with SILIUS, and other Romans, Officers, and Soldiers; the dead body of PACORUS borne before him.

Ventidius. Now, darting Parthia, art thou struck; and now
Pleas'd fortune does of Marcus Crassus' death
Make me revenger.—Bear the king's son's body
Before our army.—Thy Pacorus, Orodæs,
Pays this for Marcus Crassus.

Silius. ^{who was defeated some 14 years before} Noble Ventidius,

Whilst yet with Parthian blood thy sword is warm,
The fugitive Parthians follow; spur through Media,
Mesopotamia, and the shelters whither
The routed fly: so thy grand captain Antony
Shall set thee on triumphant chariots and
Put garlands on thy head.

Ventidius.

O Silius, Silius,

I have done enough: a lower place, note well, ~~it subordi~~
 May make too great an act; for learn this, Silius, ~~may do,~~
 Better to leave undone than by our deed ~~reat a d~~
 Acquire too high a fame when him we serve 's away.

Cæsar and Antony have ever won

More in their officer than person. Sossius,

One of my place in Syria, his lieutenant,

For quick accumulation of renown,

Which he achiev'd by the minute, lost his favour.

Who does i' the wars more than his captain can

Becomes his captain's captain; and ambition,

The soldier's virtue, rather makes choice of loss

Than gain which darkens him.

I could do more to do Antonius good,

But 't would offend him, and in his offence ~~in execrable~~

~~and be execrable~~ ~~and do me~~ ~~no good - to~~ ~~Silius.~~ ~~in this wch~~ ~~Should my performance perish.~~

~~1. t. both~~ ~~wd. be a~~ ~~Brutus in~~ ~~gs. case~~ Without the which a soldier, and his sword,
 Grants scarce distinction. Thou wilt write to Antony? ~~adu~~

Ventidius. I 'll humbly signify what in his name,

That magical word of war, we have effected;

How, with his banners and his well-paid ranks,

The ne'er-yet-beaten horse of Parthia

We have jaded out o' the field. *driven like jades*

Silius.

Where is he now?

Ventidius. He purposeth to Athens; whither, with what

haste

The weight we must convey with 's will permit,

We shall appear before him.—On, there; pass along!

[*Exeunt.*



SCENE II. *Rome. An Antechamber in Cæsar's House.*

Enter AGRIPPA at one door, ENOBARBUS at another.

Agrippa. What, are the brothers parted?

Enobarbus. They have dispatch'd with Pompey, he is gone;
The other three are sealing. Octavia weeps
To part from Rome; Cæsar is sad; and Lepidus,
Since Pompey's feast, as Menas says, is troubled *looks yellow for
he never has
had - G.R.K.*
With the green sickness.

Agrippa. 'T is a noble Lepidus.

Enobarbus. A very fine one. O, how he loves Cæsar!

Agrippa. Nay, but how dearly he adores Mark Antony!

Enobarbus. Cæsar? Why, he 's the Jupiter of men.

Agrippa. What 's Antony? The god of Jupiter. ¹⁰

Enobarbus. Spake you of Cæsar? Hoo! the nonpareil!

Agrippa. O Antony! O thou Arabian bird! *phoenix / ye only*

Enobarbus. Would you praise Cæsar, say, — *Cæsar*; go no
further. *yt's all you've got to say. / of its*

Agrippa. Indeed, he plied them both with excellent *kind*)
praises.

Enobarbus. But he loves Cæsar best; yet he loves Antony.

Enobarbus. Hoo! hearts, tongues, figures, scribes, bards, poets, cannot
think, speak, cast, write, sing, number, hoo! *each to each*
His love to Antony. But as for Cæsar, *describe in numbers/verse*
Kneel down, kneel down, and wonder.

Agrippa. Both he loves. *G.R.K.*

Enobarbus. They are his shards, and he their beetle. *ye wings*

[*Trumpets within.*] So;

Enobarbus. This is to horse.—Adieu, noble Agrippa. *up y.s. great
body.*

Agrippa. Good fortune, worthy soldier, and farewell.

Enter CÆSAR, ANTONY, LEPIDUS, and OCTAVIA.

Antony. No further, sir.

Cæsar. You take from me a great part of myself;

Use me well in 't.—Sister, prove such a wife

~~my ut-
meet
boun(t)
any exten-~~ As my thoughts make thee, and as my farthest band ~~be like~~
Shall pass on thy approof.—Most noble Antony, ~~woman~~
Let not the piece of virtue, which is set ~~wages~~
Betwixt us as the cement of our love. ~~be~~
To keep it builded, be the same to batter ~~be~~ ^{is a setting} ~~w~~
The fortress of it; for better might we ~~rather~~ ^{more} violence
Have lov'd without this mean, if on both parts ~~but still it~~
This be not cherish'd. ~~might have been~~
~~Cythere~~ ^{Antony.} Make me not offended ~~better friend~~
~~wilt prove~~ In your distrust.

~~Cæsar.~~

I have said.

~~no more to adi~~

~~Here in ye~~ ^{Antony.}

You shall not find,

~~way of~~ Though you be therein curious, the least cause ~~careful~~, ^{ey}
~~praise~~ For what you seem to fear. So, the gods keep you,
~~(ofteina~~ And make the hearts of Romans serve your ends !

We will here part.

~~wee per-~~ ^{Cæsar.} Farewell, my dearest sister, fare thee well;

~~phasis, at~~ The elements be kind to thee, and make

~~she is going to~~

~~in "a piece~~ Thy spirits all of comfort! fare thee well.

~~love is new to~~

~~of wro~~ ^{Octavia.} My noble brother!

~~here denotes~~ ^{Antony.} The April's in her eyes; it is love's spring,

~~a large de-~~ And these the showers to bring it on.—Be cheerful ^{to Octa}

~~see or~~ ^{Octavia.} Sir, look well to my husband's house, and—

What,

~~Excellency~~ ^{Cæsar.}

Octavia?

~~— P.L.K~~ Octavia. I'll tell you in your ear.

~~Antony.~~ Her tongue will not obey her heart, nor can

Her heart inform her tongue,—the swan's down-feather,

That stands upon the swell at full of tide,

And neither way inclines.

~~Enobarbus.~~ [Aside to Agrippa] Will Cæsar weep?

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~~Agrippa.~~ [Aside to Enobarbus] He has a cloud in 's face.

~~Enobarbus.~~ [Aside to Agrippa] He were the worse for that,

were he a horse;

~~if he have a dark spot~~

So is he, being a man.

~~horse w. a dark spot on his face~~

Agrippa. [Aside to *Enobarbus*] Why, Enobarbus,
When Antony found Julius Cæsar dead,
He cried almost to roaring ; and he wept
When at Philippi he found Brutus slain.

Enobarbus. [Aside to *Agrippa*] That year, indeed, he was
troubled with a rheum ;
What willingly he did confound he wail'd, deserting
Believe 't, till I wept too.

Cæsar. No, sweet Octavia, You may believe yt,
You shall hear from me still ; the time shall not till you hear me
Out-go my thinking on you. wilfing, too

Antony. Come, sir, come ; outlast
I'll wrestle with you in my strength of love.
Look, here I have you ; thus I let you go,
And give you to the gods.

Cæsar. Adieu ; be happy !
Lepidus. Let all the number of the stars give light
To thy fair way !

Cæsar. Farewell, farewell ! [Kisses Octavia.
Antony. Farewell !

[Trumpets sound. *Exeunt.*

SCENE III. *Alexandria. Cleopatra's Palace.*

Enter CLEOPATRA, CHARMIAN, IRAS, and ALEXAS.

Cleopatra. Where is the fellow ?

Alexas. Half afeard to come.

Cleopatra. Go to, go to.—

Enter the Messenger as before.

Come hither, sir.

Alexas. Good majesty,
Herod of Jewry dare not look upon you
But when you are well pleas'd.

Cleopatra. That Herod's head

I 'll have ; but how, when Antony is gone
Through whom I might command it?—Come thou near.

Messenger. Most gracious majesty,—

Cleopatra. Didst thou behold Octavia?

Messenger. Ay, dread queen.

Cleopatra. Where?

Messenger. Madam, in Rome
I look'd her in the face, and saw her led
Between her brother and Mark Antony.

Cleopatra. Is she as tall as me?

Messenger. She is not, madam.

Cleopatra. Didst hear her speak? is she shrill-tongued or
low?

Messenger. Madam, I heard her speak ; she is low-voic'd. ~~wants a~~ ^{note}

Cleopatra. That's not so good ; he cannot like her long. ~~nation~~

Charmian. Like her! ~~O 'tis~~ 't is impossible. ~~1. & not so good~~

Cleopatra. I think so, Charmian ; dull of tongue, and dwarf-
ish!—

What majesty is in her gait? Remember,
If e'er thou look'dst on majesty.

Messenger. She creeps;
Her motion and her station are as one :
She shows a body rather than a life,
A stature than a breather.

Cleopatra. Is this certain?

Messenger. Or I have no observance.

Charmian. Three in Egypt
Cannot make better note. ~~whose report of Octavia w. & b.~~

Cleopatra. He's very knowing, ~~better, as not~~
I do perceive 't. There's nothing in her yet.— ~~capable of more~~
The fellow has good judgment.

Charmian. Excellent.

Cleopatra. Guess at her years, I prithee.

Messenger. Madam,
She was a widow,—

Cleopatra. Widow!—Charmian, hark.

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Messenger. And I do think she's thirty.

Cleopatra. Bear'st thou her face in mind? is 't long or round?

Messenger. Round even to faultiness.

Cleopatra. For the most part, too, they are foolish that are so.—

Her hair, what colour?

Messenger. Brown, madam; and her forehead quite as low as it is well.

As low as she would wish it.

Cleopatra. There's gold for thee. Sh. evidently doing like a wilde Thou must not take my former sharpness ill. only low (or too low) I will employ thee back again; I find thee freelike Most fit for business. Go make thee ready; 40 Our letters are prepar'd.

[Exit *Messenger.*]

Charmian. A proper man. very nice fellow

Cleopatra. Indeed, he is so; I repent me much worried (like dog) That I so harried him. Why, methinks, by him, This creature's no such thing. does a cat

Charmian. Nothing, madam.

Cleopatra. The man hath seen some majesty, and should know.

Charmian. Hath he seen majesty? Isis else defend, And serving you so long!

Cleopatra. I have one thing more to ask him yet, good 50 *Charmian*:

But 't is no matter; thou shalt bring him to me Where I will write. All may be well enough.

Charmian. I warrant you, madam.

[Exit. *Antony* and *Octavia*.]

SCENE IV. *Athens. A Room in Antony's House.*

Enter *ANTONY* and *OCTAVIA*.

Antony. Nay, nay, Octavia, not only that,— That were excusable, that, and thousands more

Of semblable import,—but he hath wag'd
 New wars 'gainst Pompey, made his will and read it
 To public ear,
 Spoke scantly of me. When perforce he could not grudgingly
 But pay me terms of honour, cold and sickly
 He vented them, most narrow measure lent me. uttered you ev
 When the best hint was given him, he not took 't, and sickly
Or did it from his teeth. granted, afforded n
Octavia. O my good lord, occasion
fr. his heart Believe not all; or, if you must believe,
Stomach not all. A more unhappy lady,
 If this division chance, ne'er stood between,
 Praying for both parts.
 The good gods will mock me presently,
 When I shall pray, 'O, bless my lord and husband!'
 Undo that prayer, by crying out as loud,
 'O, bless my brother!' Husband win, win brother,
 Prays, and destroys the prayer; no midway
 'Twixt these extremes at all.

Antony. Gentle Octavia, 20
 Let your best love draw to that point which seeks
 Best to preserve it. If I lose mine honour,
 I lose myself; better I were not yours
 Than yours so branchless. But as you requested,
 Yourself shall go between 's; the meantime, lady,
 I'll raise the preparation of a war
 Shall stain your brother. Make your soonest haste; take off y_e shirt
 So your desires are yours.

Octavia. Thanks to my lord.
 The Jove of power make me—most weak, most weak—
 Your reconciler! Wars 'twixt you twain would be
shd. split As if the world would cleave, and that slain men 30
9d. x. Should solder up the rift. Should

Antony. When it appears to you where this begins,
 Turn your displeasure that way; for our faults

Can never be so equal, that your love
 Can equally move with them. Provide your going ;
 Choose your own company, and command what cost
 Your heart has mind to.

[Exeunt.]

SCENE V. *The Same. Another Room.*

Enter ENOBARBUS and EROS, meeting.

Enobarbus. How now, friend Eros !*Eros.* There 's strange news come, sir.*Enobarbus.* What, man ?*Eros.* Cæsar and Lepidus have made wars upon Pompey.*Enobarbus.* This is old ; what is the success? *Sequence**Eros.* Cæsar, having made use of him in the wars 'gainst*Pompey* - Pompey, presently denied him rivality, would not let him*partake* in the glory of the action ; and not resting here, *up**upon his own appeal*, seizes him : so the poor third is *up*, till*death enlarge his confine*. *Shall free him* *Shut up**Enobarbus.* Then, world, thou hast a pair of chaps, no more ;And throw between them all the food thou hast, *in ye are only*They 'll grind the one the other. Where 's Antony ? *2 people to**Enobarbus.* He 's walking in the garden — thus ; and spurns *grind* *as*The rush that lies before him ; cries ' Fool Lepidus ! ' *world between*And threatens the throat of that his officer *for teeth*

That murther'd Pompey.

Enobarbus. Our great navy 's rigg'd.*Eros.* For Italy and Cæsar. More, Domitius ;My lord desires you presently ; my news *20*

I might have told hereafter.

Enobarbus. 'T will be nought ;

But let it be.—Bring me to Antony.

Eros. Come, sir. [Exeunt.]

SCENE VI. *Rome. Cæsar's House.*

Enter CÆSAR, AGRIPPA, and MÆCENAS.

Cæsar. Contemning Rome, he has done all this, and more, In Alexandria. Here 's the manner of 't: I' the market-place, on a tribunal silver'd, Cleopatra and himself in chairs of gold Were publicly enthron'd; at the feet sat *Julius Caesar who
Cæsarion, whom they call my father's son, adopted him.* And all the unlawful issue that their lust Since then hath made between them. *Unto her* *He gave the establishment of Egypt; made her* *he added ye inde
Of lower Syria, Cypress, Lydia, cause of Egypt to
Absolute queen.* *her*

Mæcenas. This in the public eye?

Cæsar. I' the common show-place, where they exercise. His sons he there proclaim'd the kings of kings: Great Media, Parthia, and Armenia, He gave to Alexander; to Ptolemy he assign'd Syria, Cilicia, and Phœnicia. She In the habiliments of the goddess Isis That day appear'd, and oft before gave audience, As 't is reported, so. *as ye goddess.*

Mæcenas. Let Rome be thus Inform'd.

Agrippa. Who, queasy with his insolence Already, will their good thoughts call from him.

Cæsar. The people know it, and have now receiv'd His accusations.

Agrippa. Who does he accuse?

Cæsar. Caesar; and that, having in Sicily Sextus Pompeius spoil'd, we had not rated him *assigned his* His part o' the isle; then does he say, he lent me *share (reckon)* Some shipping unrestor'd; lastly, he frets *his share is all of
it properlome.*

That Lepidus of the triumvirate
Should be depos'd; and, being, that we detain *put out of*
All his revenue.

Agrippa. Sir, this should be answer'd.

Cæsar. 'T is done already, and the messenger gone.
I have told him, Lepidus was grown too cruel;
That he his high authority abus'd,
And did deserve his change: for what I have conquer'd,
I grant him part; but then, in his Armenia
And other of his conquer'd kingdoms, I
Demand the like.

Mæcenas. He 'll never yield to that.

Cæsar. Nor must not then be yielded to in this.

Enter OCTAVIA with her train.

Octavia. Hail, Cæsar, and my lord! hail, most dear Cæsar!

Cæsar. That ever I should call thee castaway!

Octavia. You have not call'd me so, nor have you cause.

Cæsar. Why have you stol'n upon us thus? You come not
Like Cæsar's sister: the wife of Antony
Should have an army for an usher, and
The neighs of horse to tell of her approach
Long ere she did appear; the trees by the way
Should have borne men, and expectation fainted,
Longing for what it had not; nay, the dust

Should have ascended to the roof of heaven,

Rais'd by your populous troops: but you are come

A market-maid to Rome, and have prevented

The ostentation of our love, which, left unshown,

Is often left unlov'd: we should have met you

By sea and land, supplying every stage

With an augmented greeting.

Octavia. Good my lord, *furnishing*

To come thus was I not constrain'd, but did

On my free will. My lord, Mark Antony,

1 syll. too much.
and may be omitted

we have to
Show our love
do keep it up

Hearing that you prepar'd for war, acquainted
My grieved ear withal; whereon, I begg'd
His pardon for return.

Cæsar. Which soon he granted! with it, grieved
Being an obstruct 'tween his lust and him. invent to warburton
Octavia. Do not say so, my lord. abstact wh. wd. {
Cæsar. I have eyes upon him, a short
And his affairs come to me on the wind. (in essence of all of
Where is he now? necessary) up. Proj. 8
wd. keep abstr

Octavia. My lord, in Athens.
Cæsar. No, my most wronged sister; Cleopatra
Hath nodded him to her. He hath given his empire
Up to a whore; who now are levying
The kings o' the earth for war. He hath assembled
Bocchus, the king of Libya; Archelaus
Of Cappadocia; Philadelphos, king
Of Paphlagonia; the Thracian king, Adallias;
King Malchus of Arabia; King of Pont;
Herod of Jewry; Mithridates, king
Of Comagena; Polemon and Amyntas, (?)
The kings of Mede and Lycaonia,
With a more larger list of sceptres.

Octavia. Ay me, most wretched,
That have my heart parted betwixt two friends
That do afflict each other!

Cæsar. Welcome hither:
Your letters did withhold our breaking forth,
Till we perceiv'd both how you were wrong led
And we in negligent danger. Cheer your heart; 80
Be you not troubled with the time, which drives drives like flies
O'er your content these strong necessities, the stars over you
But let determin'd things to destiny
Hold unbewail'd their way. Welcome to Rome;
Nothing more dear to me. You are abus'd
Beyond the mark of thought; and the high gods,

To do you justice, make them ministers yourselfes.
 Of us and those that love you. Best of comfort,
 And ever welcome to us.

Agrippa. Welcome, lady.

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Maecenas. Welcome, dear madam.

Each heart in Rome does love and pity you:

Only the adulterous Antony, most large *free, licentious*
 In his abominations, turns you off,
 And gives his potent regiment to a trull,
like broad in our use

loue That noises it against us.

sway, act of governing

Octavia. Is it so, sir?

Caesar. Most certain. Sister, welcome; pray you,

very docile

since we Be ever known to patience. My dear'st sister! [Exeunt.

SCENE VII. *Near Actium. Antony's Camp.*

Enter CLEOPATRA and ENOBARBUS.

Cleopatra. I will be even with thee, doubt it not.

Enobarbus. But why, why, why?

Levity =

Cleopatra. Thou hast forspake my being in these wars, *plat a*
 And say'st it is not fit. *spell upon*

Enobarbus. Well, is it, is it?

on person.

Cleopatra. Is 't not denounc'd against us? why should not we war =
 Be there in person?

Speak against

Enobarbus. Your presence needs must puzzle Antony;
 Take from his heart, take from his brain, from 's time,
 What should not then be spar'd. He is already
 Traduc'd for levity, and 't is said in Rome
 That Photinus, an eunuch, and your maids
 Manage this war.

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Cleopatra. Sink Rome, and their tongues rot
 That speak against us! A charge we bear i' the war,
 And, as the president of my kingdom, will
 Appear there for a man. Speak not against it;
 I will not stay behind.

Enobarbus. Nay, I have done.
Here comes the emperor.

Enter ANTONY and CANIDIUS.

Antony. Is it not strange, Canidius,
That from Tarentum and Brundusium
He could so quickly cut the Ionian sea,
And take in Tryne?—You have heard on 't, sweet?
Cleopatra. Celerity is never more admir'd
Than by the negligent.

Antony. A good rebuke,
Which might have well becom'd the best of men,
To taunt at slackness.—Canidius, we
Will fight with him by sea.

Cleopatra. By sea! what else?
Canidius. Why will my lord do so?

Antony. For that he dares us to 't.
Enobarbus. So hath my lord dar'd him to single fight.
Canidius. Ay, and to wage this battle at Pharsalia,
Where Cæsar fought with Pompey; but these offers, ^{you?} of course
Which serve not for his vantage, he shakes off, ^{you will — 30} refuses
And so should you.

Enobarbus. Your ships are not well mann'd;
Your mariners are muleters, reapers, people ^{af. muleters}
Ingross'd by swift impress; in Cæsar's fleet ^{an assed, colts}
Are those that often have 'gainst Pompey fought.
Their ships are yare, yours heavy; no disgrace ^{brought together}
Shall fall you for refusing him at sea,
Being prepar'd for land.

Antony. By sea, by sea.
Enobarbus. Most worthy sir, you therein throw away
The absolute soldiership you have by land; ^{by land you are a}
Distract your army, which doth most consist ^{perfect} ⁴⁰ soldier
Of war-mark'd footmen, leave unexecuted ^{divide}
Your own renowned knowledge, quite forego ^{you don't carry a}
mechan ^{...}

not to

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he is descreid :

it is impossible ;

radius,

land,

to our ship ;

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— a soldier?

— fight by sea ;

— misdoubt

— let the Egyptians 60

— we

— the earth

— Away !

Cleopatra, and Enobarbus.

— you 't the right.

— 's whole action grows 65

— 't led,

— keep by land

— "sle, do you not ?

Canidius. Marcus Octavius, Marcus Justeius, Publicola, and Cælius, are for sea, But we keep whole by land. This speed of Cæsar's *we keep in*
Carries beyond belief. *overpasses (fr. arrows)* ⁷⁰ *body.*

Soldier. While he was yet in Rome, His power went out in such distractions as *divisions* Beguil'd all spies.

Canidius. Who's his lieutenant, hear you?

Soldier. They say, one Taurus.

Canidius. Well I know the man.

Enter a Messenger.

Messenger. The emperor calls Canidius.

Canidius. With news the time's with labour, and throes forth Each minute some.

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[*Exeunt.*]

SCENE VIII. *A Plain near Actium.*

Enter CÆSAR, and TAURUS, with his army, marching.

Cæsar. Taurus!

Taurus. My lord!

Cæsar. Strike not by land; keep whole: provoke not battle,

Till we have done at sea. *Do not exceed* *Don't go beyond a*
The prescript of this scroll; our fortune lies *is written in ys. by*
 Upon this jump. *legard.* [Exeunt. *legard.*]

SCENE IX. *Another Part of the Plain.*

Enter ANTONY and ENOBARBUS.

Antony. Set we our squadrons on yond side o' the hill,
In eye of Cæsar's battle; from which place *in view of* *8:3 are*
 We may the number of the ships behold,
 And so proceed accordingly. [Exeunt.]

SCENE X. *Another Part of the Plain.*

CANIDIUS marcheth with his land army one way over the stage;
and TAURUS, the lieutenant of CÆSAR, the other way. After
their going in, is heard the noise of a sea-fight.

Alarum. Enter ENOBARBUS.

lost.

Enobarbus. Naught, naught, all naught! I can behold no
longer:

The Antoniad, the Egyptian admiral,
With all their sixty, fly and turn the rudder;
To see 't mine eyes are blasted.

Enter SCARUS.

Scarus. Gods and goddesses,
All the whole synod of them! assembly

Enobarbus. What's thy passion? what do
since Scarus. The greater cantle of the world is lost you feel to
With very ignorance; we have kiss'd away bad about?
Kingdoms and provinces.

Enobarbus. How appears the fight?
4445. Scarus. On our side like the token'd pestilence, betrayed by
origin Where death is sure. Yon ribaudred nag of Egypt, plague-spots
end save Whom leprosy o'ertake!—i' the midst o' the fight, lewd.
mark When vantage like a pair of twins appear'd, Ye advantage
help Both as the same, or rather ours the elder, I.E. you couldn't tell
an The brize upon her, like a cow in June, whether b's or our's
lamentation Hoists sails and flies.

Enobarbus. fed-fly That I beheld; was better
Mine eyes did sicken at the sight, and could not.

Endure a further view.

Scarus. She once being loof'd, buffed, coming
over The noble ruin of her magic, Antony, up into ye wind
grows Claps on his sea-wing, and, like a doting mallard, so as to go fast
llard Leaving the fight in height, flies after her.

I never saw an action of such shame; So shameful an act
 Experience, manhood, honour, ne'er before
 Did violate so itself.

Enobarbus.

Alack, alack!

do violence to transgress ag-
itself

Enter CANIDIUS.

Canidius. Our fortune on the sea is out of breath,
 And sinks most lamentably. Had our general
 Been what he knew himself, it had gone well. he knew himself
 O, he has given example for our flight
 Most grossly by his own! excessively to be capable of
being / i.e. a general

Enobarbus.

Ay, are you thereabouts?

Why, then, good night indeed.

Canidius. Toward Peloponnesus are they fled?

Scarus. 'T is easy to 't; and there I will attend
 What further comes.

Canidius. To Cæsar will I render
 My legions and my horse; six kings already
 Show me the way of yielding.

Enobarbus. I'll yet follow
 The wounded chance of Antony, though my reason
 Sits in the wind against me.

is directly against [Exeunt.

SCENE XI. *Alexandria. Cleopatra's Palace.*

Enter ANTONY with Attendants.

Antony. Hark! the land bids me tread no more upon 't;
 It is ashamed to bear me!—Friends, come hither;
 I am so lated in the world, that I belated, benighted
 Have lost my way for ever.—I have a ship not merely for ye day
 Laden with gold; take that, divide it; fly,
 And make your peace with Cæsar.

All.

Fly! not we.

Antony. I have fled myself, and have instructed cowards
 To run and show their shoulders.—Friends, be gone; I've shown
myself more
myself more
myself more
myself more
myself more

I have myself resolv'd upon a course
 Which has no need of you; be gone.
 My treasure's in the harbour, take it.—O,
 I follow'd that I blush to look upon;
 My very hairs do mutiny, for the white
 Reprove the brown for rashness, and they them
 For fear and doting.—Friends, be gone; you shall
 Have letters from me to some friends that will
 Sweep your way for you. Pray you, look not sad,
 Nor make replies of loathness: take the hint
 Which my despair proclaims; let that be left
 Which leaves itself: to the sea-side straightway.
 I will possess you of that ship and treasure.
 Leave me, I pray, a little; pray you now.—
 Nay, do so; for indeed I have lost command,
 Therefore I pray you. I'll see you by and by. [Sits down.]

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*Seize upon ye
 occasion & go
 he has left himself*

cont'd
 Enter CLEOPATRA led by CHARMIAN and IRAS; EROS following.

Eros. Nay, gentle madam, to him, comfort him.

Irás. Do, most dear queen.

Charmian. Do! why, what else?

Cleopatra. Let me sit down. O Juno! *1.6. near Antony*

Antony. No, no, no, no, no. *doesn't want her to*

Eros. See you here, sir?

Antony. O fie, fie, fie!

Charmian. Madam!

Irás. Madam, O good empress!

Eros. Sir, sir,—

Antony. Yes, my lord, yes; he at Philippi kept *may be somebody*
His sword *e'en like a dancer*, while I struck *left to whom he*
 The lean and wrinkled Cassius; and 't was I *lays ys.*
 That the mad Brutus ended: he alone
 Dealt on lieutenancy, and no practice had *acted per lieutenant*
In the brave squares of war; yet now—No matter.

Squadrons

Cleopatra. Ah, stand by! 1.6. *Stand off*

Eros. The queen, my lord, the queen.

Iras. Go to him, madam, speak to him;

He is unqualified with very shame.

Cleopatra. Well then, sustain me;—O!

Eros. Most noble sir, arise; the queen approaches.

Her head's declin'd, and death will seize her, but

Your comfort makes the rescue.

Antony. I have offended reputation, *lived against my credit* (cf. 2.3) ⁵⁰
~~for my~~ A most un noble swerving.

Eros. Sir, the queen.

Antony. O, whither hast thou led me, Egypt? See,

How I convey my shame out of thine eyes

By looking back what I have left behind

Stroy'd in dishonour.

Cleopatra. O my lord, my lord,

Forgive my fearful sails! I little thought

You would have follow'd.

Antony. Egypt, thou knew'st too well and so

My heart was to thy rudder tied by the strings,

And thou shouldst tow me after; o'er my spirit

Thy full supremacy thou knew'st, and that

Thy beck might from the bidding of the gods

Command me.

Cleopatra. O, my pardon!

Antony. Now I must
To the young man send humble treaties, dodge

And palter in the shifts of lowness, who

With half the bulk o' the world play'd as I pleas'd,

Making and marring fortunes. You did know

How much you were my conqueror, and that

My sword, made weak by my affection, would

Obey it on all cause.

Cleopatra. On all accounts

Pardon, pardon! —

Antony. Fall not a tear, I say; one of them rates in value.

All that is won and lost. Give me a kiss ;
 Even this repays me.—We sent our schoolmaster ;
 Is he come back ?—Love, I am full of lead.—
 Some wine, within there, and our viands !—Fortune knows
 We scorn her most when most she offers blows. [Exeunt.]

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SCENE XII. *Egypt. Cæsar's Camp.*

Enter Cæsar, Dolabella, Thyreus, with others.

Cæsar. Let him appear that's come from Antony.—
 Know you him ?

Dolabella. Cæsar, 't is his schoolmaster ;
 An argument that he is pluck'd, when hither
 He sends so poor a pinion of his wing,
 Which had superfluous kings for messengers
 Not many moons gone by.

Enter Euphronius, Ambassador from Antony.

Cæsar. Approach, and speak.

Euphronius. Such as I am, I come from Antony ;
 I was of late as petty to his ends
 As is the morn-dew on the myrtle-leaf
 To his grand sea. *To ye grand sea wh. is ye source of all*

Cæsar. Be 't so ; declare thine office. *ye dew to his*

Euphronius. Lord of his fortunes he salutes thee, and *refers to dew*
Requires to live in Egypt ; which not granted,
 He lessens his requests, and to thee sues
 To let him breathe between the heavens and earth,
 A private man in Athens : this for him.
 Next, Cleopatra does confess thy greatness,
 Submits her to thy might, and of thee craves
 The circle of the Ptolemies for her heirs,
 Now hazarded to thy grace.

Cæsar. For Antony,
 I have no ears to his request. The queen

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*Ye golden crown
Sovereignty*

Of audience nor desire shall fail, so she
From Egypt drive her all-disgraced friend,
Or take his life there; this if she perform,
She shall not sue unheard. So to them both.

Euphronius. Fortune pursue thee!

Cæsar. Bring him through the bands.—

[Exit *Euphronius*.]

[To *Thyreus*] To try thy eloquence, now 't is time; dispatch.
From Antony win Cleopatra: promise,
And in our name, what she requires; add more,
From thine invention, offers. Women are not
In their best fortunes strong; but want will perjure
The ne'er-touch'd vestal. Try thy cunning, *Thyreus*;
Make thine own edict for thy pains, which we *demands whatever you want*
Will answer as a law. *pay*

Thyreus. Caesar, I go.

Cæsar. Observe how Antony becomes his flaw,
And what thou think'st his very action speaks
In every power that moves. *what you can infer from the very*

Thyreus. *with power* Caesar, I shall.

[Exit, *gestures of his arms*.]

SCENE XIII. *Alexandria. Cleopatra's Palace.*

Enter CLEOPATRA, ENOBARBUS, CHARMIAN, and IRAS.

Cleopatra. What shall we do, Enobarbus?

Enobarbus.

Think, and die. *lets*

Cleopatra. Is Antony or we in fault for this?

Enobarbus. Antony only, that would make his will *think saddle*

night the world

Lord of his reason. What though you fled *to ourselves, be quiet*

From that great face of war, whose several ranges *quiet*

Frighted each other? why should he follow?

ranges

The itch of his affection should not then

Have nick'd his captainship; at such a point,

When half to half the world oppos'd, he being

The mered question. "T was a shame no less

docked, curtained

ye hair of ye fool

Cut in a certain

way & so it was

here made a

— base.

It only, pure question, to

Than was his loss, to course your flying flags,
And leave his navy gazing.

Cleopatra.

Prithee, peace.

follow

Enter ANTONY with EUPHRONIUS, the Ambassador.

Antony. Is that his answer?

Euphronius. Ay, my lord.

Antony. The queen shall then have courtesy, so she
Will yield us up.

Euphronius. He says so.

Let her know 't.

To the boy Cæsar send this grizzled head, *said to Cleopatra*
And he will fill thy wishes to the brim
With principalities.

Cleopatra. That head, my lord?

Antony. To him again. Tell him he wears the rose *to 20 Euphr.*
Of youth upon him, from which the world should note
Something particular: his coin, ships, legions,
May be a coward's, whose ministers would prevail *expect to see something particular done by him.*
Under the service of a child as soon
As i' the command of Cæsar. I dare him therefore
To lay his gay comparisons apart, *comparisons*
And answer me declin'd, sword against sword, *down as I am*
Ourselves alone. I'll write it; follow me.

[*Exeunt Antony and Euphronius.*

Enobarbus. [Aside] Yes, like enough, high-battled Cæsar
will

Unstate his happiness, and be stag'd to the show, *he commands great forces.*
Against a sworder! I see men's judgments are *be exhibited on a stage.*
A parcel of their fortunes, and things outward
Do draw the inward quality after them, *a mere professor of the sword.*
To suffer all alike. That he should dream,
Knowing all measures, the full Cæsar will
Answer his emptiness!—Cæsar, thou hast subdued
His judgment too. *match himself w. him who is empty of all greatness*

Enter an Attendant.

Attendant. A messenger from Cæsar.

Cleopatra. What, no more ceremony?—See, my women!—
Against the blown rose may they stop their nose emphatic
That kneel'd unto the buds.—Admit him, sir. ^{to}

[*Exit Attendant.*]

Enobarbus. [Aside] Mine honesty and I begin to square. upright
The loyalty well held to fools does make royalty.
Our faith mere folly; yet he that can endure
To follow with allegiance a fall'n lord
Does conquer him that did his master conquer,
And earns a place i' the story. quarrel.

Enter THYREUS.

Cleopatra. Cæsar's will?

Thyreus. Hear it apart.

Cleopatra. None but friends; say boldly.

Thyreus. So, haply, are they friends to Antony.

Enobarbus. He needs as many, sir, as Cæsar has,
Or needs not us. If Cæsar please, our master of ye 2 Hrs.
Will leap to be his friend; for us, you know
Whose he is we are, and that is Cæsar's.

Thyreus. So.— you to remember
Thus then, thou most renown'd: Cæsar entreats, you may speak
Not to consider in what case thou stand'st, to be a generous com
Further than he is Cæsar. for - 8.6

Cleopatra. Go on; right royal. of him

Thyreus. He knows that you embrace not Antony cherish
As you did love, but as you fear'd him.

Cleopatra.

Thyreus. The scars upon your honour, therefore, he
Does pity, as constrained blemishes, 1.5. See, you understand
Not as deserv'd.

Cleopatra. He is a god, and knows ^{to}

What is most right; mine honour was not yielded,
But conquer'd merely.

Enobarbus. [Aside] To be sure of that,
I will ask Antony.—Sir, sir, thou art so leaky,
That we must leave thee to thy sinking, for
Thy dearest quit thee.

[Exit.]

Thyreus. Shall I say to Cæsar
What you require of him? for he partly begs
To be desir'd to give. It much would please him,
That of his fortunes you should make a staff
To lean upon; but it would warm his spirits,
To hear from me you had left Antony,
And put yourself under his shroud, his very clothe, cover,
protection.
Cleopatra. What's your name?

Thyreus. My name is Thyreus.

Cleopatra. Most kind messenger,
Say to great Cæsar this: in deputation by deputation, deputy
I kiss his conquering hand; tell him, I am prompt for you
To lay my crown at's feet, and there to kneel;
Tell him, from his all-obeying breath I hear breath ye all obey
The doom of Egypt.

Thyreus. 'T is your noblest course.
Wisdom and fortune combating together,
If that the former dare but what it can, do its best ^{so}
No chance may shake it. Give me grace to lay grant me ye
My duty on your hand.

Cleopatra. Your Cæsar's father oft,
When he hath mus'd of taking kingdoms in conquering
Bestow'd his lips on that unworthy place,
As it rain'd kisses.

Re-enter ANTONY and ENOBARBUS.

Antony. Favours, by Jove that thunders!—
What art thou, fellow?

Thyreus is of some importance, historically; you
is also historical.

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Thyreus. One that but performs
The bidding of the fullest man, and worthiest
To have command obey'd.

Enobarbus. [Aside] You will be whipp'd.

(to yourself) Antony. Approach, there!—Ah, you kite!—Now, gods and
devils!

Authority melts from me; of late, when I cried 'Ho!' ⁹⁰
Like boys unto a muss, kings would start forth, scrabble
And cry 'Your will?' Have you no ears? I am
Antony yet.

Enter Attendants.

Take hence this Jack, and whip him. ^(time of die)
in almost any way, Than with an old one dying. Antony ^(feel)

Especially. Moon and stars! ^(Octavius)

Whip him.—Were 't twenty of the greatest tributaries
That do acknowledge Cæsar, should I find them
So saucy with the hand of she here,—what's her name,
Since she was Cleopatra?—Whip him, fellows,

cripple, Till, like a boy, you see him cringe his face, distort ¹⁰⁰
same root; And whine aloud for mercy. Take him hence.

now used only Thyreus. Mark Antony!

Antony. Tug him away; being whipp'd,
Bring him again: the Jack of Cæsar's shall fellow.
Bear us an errand to him.—

[Exeunt Attendants with Thyreus.

You were half blasted ere I knew you; ha!

Have I my pillow left unpress'd in Rome,

Forborne the getting of a lawful race,

And by a gem of women, to be abus'd Octavia

By one that looks on feeders? servants

Cleopatra. Good my lord,

Antony. You have been a boggler ever;

But when we in our viciousness grow hard—

O misery on 't!—the wise gods seal our eyes,

¹¹⁰
inconstant ^{(to}
ff. for ye lie
swerve.)

In our own filth drop our clear judgments ; make us
Adore our errors, laugh at 's while we strut

To our confusion.

destruction, perdition

Cleopatra. O, is 't come to this ?

Antony. I found you as a morsel cold upon
Dead Cæsar's trencher ; nay, you were a fragment
Of Cneius Pompey's ; besides what hotter hours,
Unregister'd in vulgar fame, you have

Red up Luxuriously pick'd out : for, I am sure, indulging your leisure
24 Though you can guess what temperance should be, temperance
as yet You know not what it is. *Charity.*

Cleopatra. Wherefore is this ?

Antony. To let a fellow that will take rewards. *Thyreus was a*
ward And say 'God quit you !' be familiar with *man of dignity but*
My playfellow, your hand, this kingly seal *out makes him out*
And plighter of high hearts !—O, that I were *a servant* — *9.4.6. x*
Upon the hill of Basan, to outrroar, *He knew nothing of*
The horned herd ! for I have savage cause ; *ys.*
And to proclaim it civilly, were like *to communicate ys fact in*
A halter'd neck which does the hangman thank *gentle terms about*
For being yare about him.— *How I have been*
ak in *giving him* *reated*

9.4.6. K

Re-enter Attendants with THYREUS.

Is he whipp'd ?

1 Attendant. Soundly, my lord.

Antony. Cried he ? and begg'd a' pardon ?

1 Attendant. He did ask favour.

Antony. If that thy father live, let him repent
Thou wast not made his daughter ; and be thou sorry
To follow Cæsar in his triumph, since
Thou hast been whipp'd for following him : henceforth
The white hand of a lady fever thee,
Shake thou to look on 't.—Get thee back to Cæsar,
Tell him thy entertainment : look, thou say

He makes me angry with him ; for he seems

How thou wast
received by me

Proud and disdainful, harping on what I am,
 Not what he knew I was. He makes me angry;
 And at this time most easy 't is to do 't,
 When my good stars that were my former guides
 Have empty left their orbs, and shot their fires
 Into the abyss of hell. If he mislike
 My speech and what is done, tell him he has
 Hipparchus, my enfranchis'd bondman, whom
 He may at pleasure whip, or hang, or torture,
 As he shall like, to quit me. Urge it thou;
 Hence with thy stripes, begone!

[Exit Thyreus.]

Cleopatra. Have you done yet?

Antony.

Alack, our terrene moon

Cleopatra, he
thinks, is
now eclipsed
9. d. k. Is now eclips'd; and it portends alone
 The fall of Antony!

Cleopatra. I must stay his time.

Antony. To flatter Cæsar, would you mingle eyes
 With one that ties his points? His lackey, valer Cæsar)

Cleopatra. Not know me yet? Being his valleAntony. Cold-hearted toward me? points = as ye wouldCleopatra. Ah, dear, if I be so, ye care

From my cold heart let heaven engender hail,
 And poison it in the source, and the first stone
 Drop in my neck; as it determines, so

Dissolve my life! The next Cæsaron smite! impetus con of
 Till by degrees the memory of my womb,

Together with my brave Egyptians all,
 By the discandyng of this pelleted storm, melting

Lie graveless, till the flies and gnats of Nile ys. storm yt comes
 Have buried them for prey! in pellets (hail-

Antony. I am satisfied. balls)
 Cæsar sits down in Alexandria, where

I will oppose his fate. Our force by land
 Hath nobly held; our sever'd navy too

Have knit again, and fleet, threatening most sea-like.

floatsea-like

Where hast thou been, my heart?—Dost thou hear, lady?
 If from the field I shall return once more
 To kiss these lips, I will appear in blood;
 I and my sword will earn our chronicle:
 There's hope in't yet. *All may be well.*

Cleopatra. That's my brave lord!

Antony. I will be treble-sinew'd, hearted, breath'd,
 And fight maliciously: for when mine hours
 Were nice and lucky, men did ransom lives
 Of me for jests; but now I'll set my teeth,

And send to darkness all that stop me.—Come,
 Let's have one other gaudy night.—Call to me
 All my sad captains; fill our bowls once more;
 Let's mock the midnight bell.

Cleopatra. It is my birthday:
 I had thought to have held it poor; but, since my lord
 Is Antony again, I will be Cleopatra.

Antony. We will yet do well.

Cleopatra. Call all his noble captains to my lord.

Antony. Do so, we'll speak to them; and to-night I'll
 force

The wine peep through their scars.—Come on, my queen;
 There's sap in't yet. The next time I do fight
 I'll make death love me, for I will contend
 Even with his pestilent scythe. [*Exeunt all but Enobarbus.*]

Enobarbus. Now he'll outstare the lightning. To be furi-

ous

Is to be frightened out of fear, and in that mood
 The dove will peck the estridge; and I see still,
 A diminution in our captain's brain
 Restores his heart; when valour preys on reason,
 It eats the sword it fights with. I will seek
 Some way to leave him.

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 [Exit.]



RUINS OF AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN PALACE.

ACT IV.

SCENE I. *Before Alexandria. Cæsar's Camp.*

Enter CÆSAR, AGRIPPA, and MÆCENAS, with his Army;
CÆSAR reading a letter.

Cæsar. He calls me boy, and chides as he had power
To beat me out of Egypt; my messenger
He hath whipp'd with rods, dares me to personal combat,
Cæsar to Antony. Let the old ruffian know
I have many other ways to die, meantime
Laugh at his challenge.

Mæcenas. Cæsar must think,
When one so great begins to rage, he 's hunted
Even to falling. Give him no breath, but now
Make boot of his distraction; never anger
Made good guard for itself.

*Her meaning is amendment &
so "convey to one's profit" - G.L.K.*

*make profit, to
advantage.*

Cæsar.

Let our best heads

Know that to-morrow the last of many battles
We mean to fight. Within our files there are,
Of those that serv'd Mark Antony but late,

Enough to fetch him in. See it done: *like ~~take him in~~*,
And feast the army; we have store to do 't, *apprehend*.
And they have earn'd the waste. Poor Antony! *Execute*.

SCENE II. *Alexandria. Cleopatra's Palace* *you*.

Enter ANTONY, CLEOPATRA, ENOBARBUS, CHARMIAN, IRAS,
ALEXAS, with others.

Antony. He will not fight with me, Domitius.

Enobarbus.

No.

Antony. Why should he not?

Enobarbus. He thinks, being twenty times of better fortune,
He is twenty men to one.

Antony. To-morrow, soldier,

By sea and land I 'll fight; or I will live,
Or bathe my dying honour in the blood

Shall make it live again. Woo't thou fight well?

Enobarbus. I 'll strike, and cry 'Take all.' *win or lose all*,
will *Antony.* Well said; come on. *striking*

Call forth my household servants; let 's to-night

Be bounteous at our meal.—

Enter three or four Servitors.

Give me thy hand,

Thou hast been rightly honest;—so hast thou;—

Thou,—and thou,—and thou:—you have serv'd me well,

And kings have been your fellows. *you have acts w. him also*

Cleopatra. *[Aside to Enobarbus]* What means this?

Enobarbus. *[Aside to Cleopatra]* 'T is one of those odd

tricks which sorrow shoots *ects, projects; works.*
Out of the mind.

say ~~chitpans~~

Antony. And thou art honest too.
 I wish I could be made so many men, as you are
 And all of you clapp'd up together in Shut up
 An Antony, that I might do you service
 So good as you have done.

All. The gods forbid!

Antony. Well, my good fellows, wait on me to-night; 20
 Scant not my cups, and make as much of me
 As when my empire was your fellow too,
 And suffer'd my command.

Cleopatra. [Aside to *Enobarbus*] What does he mean?

Enobarbus. [Aside to *Cleopatra*] To make his followers
 weep.

Antony. Tend me to-night; End - 4.4. K
 May be it is the period of your duty.

if you do see me, I'll be dead body Haply you shall not see me more; or if, a shadow of a
 A mangled shadow: perchance to-morrow was & me
 You'll serve another master. I look on you was & me
 As one that takes his leave. Mine honest friends,
 I turn you not away; but, like a master 30
 Married to your good service, stay till death.
 Tend me to-night two hours, I ask no more,
 And the gods yield you for't! reward, pay - 4.4. K

Enobarbus. What mean you, sir,
 To give them this discomfort? Look, they weep;
 And I, an ass, am onion-eyed. For shame,
 Transform us not to women.

Antony. Ho, ho, ho!
 Now the witch take me if I meant it thus! infest strike,
Grace grow where those drops fall! My hearty friends,
 You take me in too dolorous a sense;
 For I spake to you for your comfort, did desire you good blow
 To burn this night with torches. Know, my hearts, burn you
 I hope well of to-morrow, and will lead you through you
 Where rather I'll expect victorious life

Than death and honour. Let's to supper, come,
And drown consideration.

[*Exeunt.*]

SCENE III. *The Same. Before the Palace.*

Enter two Soldiers to their guard.

1 *Soldier.* Brother, good night; to-morrow is the day.

2 *Soldier.* It will determine one way; fare you well. *decide this.*
Heard you of nothing strange about the streets? *1 way or ye
other*

1 *Soldier.* Nothing. What news?

2 *Soldier.* Belike 't is but a rumour. Good night to you.

1 *Soldier.* Well, sir, good night.

Enter two other Soldiers.

2 *Soldier.* Soldiers, have careful watch.

3 *Soldier.* And you. Good night, good night.

[*They place themselves in every corner of the stage.*

4 *Soldier.* Here we; and if to-morrow

Our navy thrive, I have an absolute hope

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Our landmen will stand up.

3 *Soldier.* 'T is a brave army,
And full of purpose.

[*Music of the hautboys as under the stage.*

4 *Soldier.* Peace! what noise?

1 *Soldier.* List, list!

2 *Soldier.* Hark!

1 *Soldier.* Music i' the air.

3 *Soldier.* Under the earth.

4 *Soldier.* It signs well, does it not? *is a good sign.*

3 *Soldier.* No.

1 *Soldier.* Peace, I say!

What should this mean?

2 *Soldier.* 'T is the god Hercules, whom Antony lov'd,
Now leaves him.

1 *Soldier.* Walk; let's see if other watchmen
Do hear what we do. [*They advance to another post.*

2 Soldier.

How now, masters!

All.

[Speaking together] How now?

How now! do you hear this?

1 Soldier.

Ay; is 't not strange?

3 Soldier. Do you hear, masters? do you hear?

1 Soldier. Follow the noise so far as we have quarter; ²⁰ ~~to ye off~~ ~~to wh. w~~
Let's see how it will give off.

All.

Content. 'T is strange. [Exeunt. ~~have quarter~~

End

SCENE IV. *The Same. A Room in the Palace.*

Enter ANTONY and CLEOPATRA, CHARMIAN, and others attending.

Antony. Eros! mine armour, Eros!

Cleopatra. Sleep a little.

Antony. No, my chuck.—Eros, come; mine armour, Eros!

Enter EROS with armour.

Come, good fellow, put mine iron on.—

If fortune be not ours to-day, it is

Because we brave her.—Come.

Cleopatra.

Nay, I'll help too.

What's this for?

Antony. Ah, let be, let be! thou art
The armourer of my heart. False, false; this, this.

Cleopatra. Sooth, la, I'll help; thus it must be.

Antony. Well, well;
We shall thrive now.—Seest thou, my good fellow?

Go put on thy defences.

Eros.

Briefly, sir.

Cleopatra. Is not this buckled well?

Antony.

Rarely, rarely;

He that unbuckles this, till we do please

To daff't for our repose, shall hear a storm.— ~~daff, do off, off.~~

Thou fumblest, Eros; and my queen's a squire

More tight at this than thou: dispatch.—O love, adroit.
 That thou couldst see my wars to-day, and knew'st
 The royal occupation! thou shouldst see
 A workman in 't.—

Enter an armed Soldier.

Good morrow to thee; welcome!
 Thou look'st like him that knows a warlike charge.
 To business that we love we rise betime, 20
 And go to 't with delight.

Soldier. A thousand, sir,
 Early though 't be, have on their riveted trim,
 And at the port expect you. [Shout. Trumpets flourish.]

Enter Captains and Soldiers.

Captain. The morn is fair.—Good morrow, general.

All. Good morrow, general.

Antony. 'T is well blown, lads. 14. trumpet
 This morning, like the spirit of a youth
~~is~~ ~~is~~ That means to be of note, begins betimes.—
 So, so; come, give me that: this way; well said. well done
 Fare thee well, dame, whate'er becomes of me;
 This is a soldier's kiss. Rebukable [Kisses her.]
 And worthy shameful check it were, to stand rebuke
 On more mechanic compliment; I'll leave thee 31
 Now, like a man of steel.—You that will fight,
 Follow me close; I'll bring you to 't.—Adieu. worthy of mechanic
more vulgar
[Exeunt *Antony, Eros, Captains, and Soldiers.*]

Charmian. Please you, retire to your chamber.

Cleopatra. Lead me.

He goes forth gallantly. That he and Cæsar might
 Determine this great war in single fight!
 Then, Antony,—but now— Well, on.

[Exeunt.]

SCENE V. *Alexandria. Antony's Camp.*

Trumpets sound. Enter ANTONY and EROS; a Soldier meeting them.

Soldier. The gods make this a happy day to Antony!

Antony. Would thou and those thy scars had once prevail'd

To make me fight at land!

Soldier. Hadst thou done so,
The kings that have revolted, and the soldier
That has this morning left thee, would have still
Follow'd thy heels.

Antony. Who's gone this morning?

Soldier. Who!

One ever near thee; call for Enoobarbus,
He shall not hear thee, or from Cæsar's camp
Say 'I am none of thine.'

Antony. What say'st thou?

Soldier. Sir,

He is with Cæsar.

Eros. Sir, his chests and treasure

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He has not with him.

Antony. Is he gone?

Soldier. Most certain.

Antony. Go, Eros, send his treasure after; do it:
Detain no jot, I charge thee. Write to him—
I will subscribe—gentle adieus and greetings;
Say that I wish he never find more cause
To change a master.—O, my fortunes have
Corrupted honest men!—Dispatch.—Enobarbus! [Exeunt.

SCENE VI. *Alexandria. Cæsar's Camp.*

Flourish. Enter CÆSAR, AGRIPPA, with ENOBARBUS, and others.

Cæsar. Go forth, Agrippa, and begin the fight.
Our will is Antony be took alive;
Make it so known.

Agrippa. Cæsar, I shall.

「Exit.

Cæsar. The time of universal peace is near;
Prove this a prosperous day, the three-nook'd world
Shall bear the olive freely.

Enter a Messenger.

Messenger. *Antony*
Is come into the field.

Caesar. Go charge Agrippa
Plant those that have revolted in the van,
That Antony may seem to spend his fury
Upon himself. *[Exeunt a*

Enobarbus. Alexas did revolt, and went to Jewry
On affairs of Antony; there did persuade
Great Herod to incline himself to Cæsar,
And leave his master Antony: for this pains
Cæsar hath hang'd him. Canidius and the rest ~~but~~
That fell away have entertainment, but ~~take~~ ^{are} in
No honourable trust. I have done ill,
Of which I do accuse myself so sorely
That I will joy no more.

Enter a Soldier of Cæsar's.

Soldier. *Enobarbus, Antony*
Hath after thee sent all thy treasure, with
His bounty overplus; the messenger ~~giff~~
Came on my guard, and at thy tent is now ~~aa~~
Unloading of his mules.

Enobarbus. I give it you.

Soldier. Mock not, Enobarbus;

I tell you true. Best you saf'd the bringer
Out of the host; I must attend mine office,
Or would have done 't myself. Your emperor
Continues still a Jove.

[Exit.]

Enobarbus. I am alone the villain of the earth,

And feel I am so most.—O Antony,

Thou mine of bounty, how wouldst thou have paid

My better service, when my turpitude

Thou dost so crown with gold! This blows my heart: Ye grie

If swift thought break it not, a swifter mean

Shall outstrike thought; but thought will do 't, I feel,

I fight against thee!—No! I will go seek

Some ditch wherein to die; the foul'st best fits

My latter part of life.

[Exit.]

Sad thought but not necess. so, it may be—
Ye knowledge of And's boar—Y.d.K.

SCENE VII. Field of Battle between the Camps.

Alarum. Drums and trumpets. Enter AGRIPPA and others.

Agrippa. Retire, we have engag'd ourselves too far. Be care
Caesar himself has work, and our oppression et ye En
Exceeds what we expected. we are hard press Exeunt.

Alarum. Enter ANTONY, and SCARUS wounded.

Scarus. O my brave emperor, this is fought indeed!

Had we done so at first, we had droven them home Prof. free
With clouts about their heads. live in yr. f

Antony. Heads done up Thou bleed'st apace.

Scarus. I had a wound here that was like a T,

But now 't is made an H. It's got another back in

Antony.

Scarus. They do retire. ye

Scarus. We'll beat 'em into bench-holes; I have yet

Room for six scotches more.

priviee.

Enter EROS.

Eros. They are beaten, sir, and our advantage serves is favour
For a fair victory.

Scarus. Let us score their backs, Slash, cut - g.d. K
And snatch 'em up, as we take hares, behind;
'T is sport to maul a runner.

Antony. I will reward thee
Once for thy spritely comfort, and tenfold
For thy good valour. Come thee on. Dat. of subject. All ready

Scarus. I'll halt after. [Exeunt. of motion

He's so slashed up

Leave it (you

SCENE VIII. Under the Walls of Alexandria. Can say go the

Alarum. Enter ANTONY, in a march; SCARUS, with others. Come thee re

Antony. We have beat him to his camp; run one before, it was indee
este And let the queen know of our gests.—To-morrow, acte (peet, of

Before the sun shall see 's, we'll spill the blood course, course, for

That has to-day escap'd. I thank you all, it a cornical
For doughty-handed are you, and have fought action)

Not as you serv'd the cause, but as 't had been

Each man's like mine; you have shown all Hectors.

Enter the city, clip your wives, your friends, Embrace

Tell them your teats; whilst they with joyful tears

Wash the congealment from your wounds, and kiss to

The honour'd gashes whole.—[To Scarus] Give me thy

hand.

Enter CLEOPATRA, attended.

To this great fairy I'll commend thy acts,
Make her thanks bless thee.—[To Cleopatra] O thou day o'

the world, Sun, Sunlight

Chain mine arm'd neck; leap thou, attire and all,
Through proof of harness to my heart, and there

Ride on the pants triumphing!

Cleopatra. Lord of lords! ys. impenetrable
of armor impen
trable armor

Snare suggests nightingale Committ, extrem O infinite virtue, com'st thou smiling from virtue
 The world's great snare uncaught? whole world was My nightingale, trying to
Antony. girl! though grey hair,
 We have beat them to their beds. What, girl! Do something mingle with our younger brown, yet ha' we hair.
 A brain that nourishes our nerves, and can Get goal for goal of youth. Behold this man; he's older ²¹ you she
 Command unto his lips thy favouring hand. — win goal for goal
 Kiss it, my warrior.—He hath fought to-day As if a god in hate of mankind had
 Destroy'd in such a shape. as his (Scars)

Cleopatra. I'll give thee, friend,
 An armour all of gold; it was a king's.

Antony. He has deserv'd it, were it carbuncled (wh. have a light
 Like holy Phœbus' car.—Give me thy hand. of you, dear)
 Through Alexandria make a jolly march; ³⁰
 Bear our hack'd targets like the men that owe them. carry your
 Had our great palace the capacity targets w. you all
 To camp this host, we all would sup together, hacked like ye me
 And drink carouses to the next day's fate, if ever you
 Which promises royal peril.—Trumpeters,
 With brazen din blast you the city's ear;
 Make mingle with our rattling tabourines, a mix, mixture
 That heaven and earth may strike their sounds together, may no
 Applauding our approach. labors, drums &c. &c. nation [Exeunt. a rever

SCENE IX. *Cæsar's Camp.*

Sentinels at their post.

1 Soldier. If we be not reliev'd within this hour,
 We must return to the court of guard. The night place where
 Is shiny, and they say we shall embattle the guard were
 By the second hour i' the morn.

2 Soldier. This last day was
 A shrewd one to's. bad one, hard one.

Enter ENOBARBUS.

Enobarbus. O, bear me witness, night,—

3 Soldier. What man is this?

2 Soldier. Stand close, and list him.

Enobarbus. Be witness to me, O thou blessed moon,
When men revolted shall upon record
Bear hateful memory, poor Enobarbus did
Before thy face repent!

1 Soldier. Enobarbus!

3 Soldier. Peace!

Hark further.

Enobarbus. O sovereign mistress of true melancholy,
The poisonous damp of night dispose upon me, *Squeeze as far as you can*
That life, a very rebel to my will, *a sponge & LJC*
May hang no longer on me; throw my heart
Against the flint and hardness of my fault, *flinty hardness*
Which, being dried with grief, will break to powder,
And finish all foul thoughts.—O Antony,
Nobler than my revolt is infamous,
Forgive me in thine own particular; *so far as thou art*
But let the world rank me in register *particularly concerned*
A master-leaver and a fugitive.

O Antony! O Antony! [Dies.]

2 Soldier. Let's speak
To him.

1 Soldier. Let's hear him, for the things he speaks
May concern Cæsar.

3 Soldier. Let's do so. But he sleeps.

1 Soldier. Swoons rather; for so bad a prayer as his
Was never yet for sleep.

2 Soldier. Go we to him.

3 Soldier. Awake, sir, awake! speak to us.

2 Soldier. Hear you, sir?

1 Soldier. The hand of death hath caught him. [Drums
afar off.] Hark! the drums

Demurely wake the sleepers. Let us bear him
To the court of guard ; he is of note: our hour
Is fully out.

Soldier. Come on, then ;
He may recover yet.

gravely ³⁰ (Dumb)
Sound)

[*Exeunt with the body.*]

SCENE X. *Between the two Camps.*

Enter ANTONY and SCARUS, with their Army.

Antony. Their preparation is to-day by sea ;
We please them not by land.

Scarus. For both, my lord.

Antony. I would they 'd fight i' the fire, or i' the air ;
We 'd fight there too. But this it is; our foot but w. is ye
Upon the hills adjoining to the city important by.
Shall stay with us.—Order for sea is given ;
They have put forth the haven.—Forward, now,
Where their appointment we may best discover,
And look on their endeavour.

Equipment, new
here
[*Exeunt.*]

SCENE XI. *Another Part of the Same.*

Enter CÆSAR, and his Army.

Cæsar. But being charg'd, we will be still by land, under y e ha
Which, as I take 't, we shall ; for his best force we are land.
Is forth to man his galleys. To the vales,
And hold our best advantage ! be allowed to be [*Exeunt.*]

maine in ye
most favourable place we can SCENE XII. *Another Part of the Same.*

Enter ANTONY and SCARUS.

Antony. Yet they are not join'd. Where yond pine does
stand,
I shall discover all ; I 'll bring thee word
Straight, how 't is like to go.

[*Exit.*]

Scarus.

Swallows have built

In Cleopatra's sails their nests; the augurers
Say they know not, they cannot tell,—look grimly,
And dare not speak their knowledge. Antony

Aug. Is valiant, and dejected; and, by starts,

bracelet His fretted fortunes give him hope and fear

for an arm Of what he has and has not.

bracelet ornament *of varies ye surface,*

his varying fortunes

Antony.

hope of what he has,
[Alarum afar off, as at a sea-fight.]

Re-enter ANTONY.

All is lost;

This foul Egyptian hath betrayed me.

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My fleet hath yielded to the foe; and yonder
They cast their caps up and carouse together

altered *changed* Like friends long lost.—Triple-turn'd whore! 't is thou

Hast sold me to this novice, and my heart

*to Pompey, to
Julius, to
Antony*

Makes only wars on thee.—Bid them all fly;

For when I am reveng'd upon my charm, *He is spell-bound by*

I have done all.—Bid them all fly; begone.—[Exit Scarus. *her*

O sun, thy uprise shall I see no more!

Fortune and Antony part here; even here

20

Do we shake hands.—All come to this?—The hearts

That spaniell'd me at heels, to whom I gave

Their wishes, do discandy, melt their sweets *melt-like candy (1)*

On blossoming Cæsar; and this pine is bark'd *after-like ice (2)*

That overtopp'd them all. Betray'd I am.

O this false soul of Egypt! this *grave charm*,— *suppos. reading.*

Whose eye beck'd forth my wars, and call'd them home, *can't make*

coronet Whose bosom was my *coronet*, my chief end,— *a reliable guess*

Like a right *gypsy*, hath, at fast and loose, *about ye reading*

Beguil'd me to the very *heart of loss*.— *essence, extreme*

What, Eros, Eros!

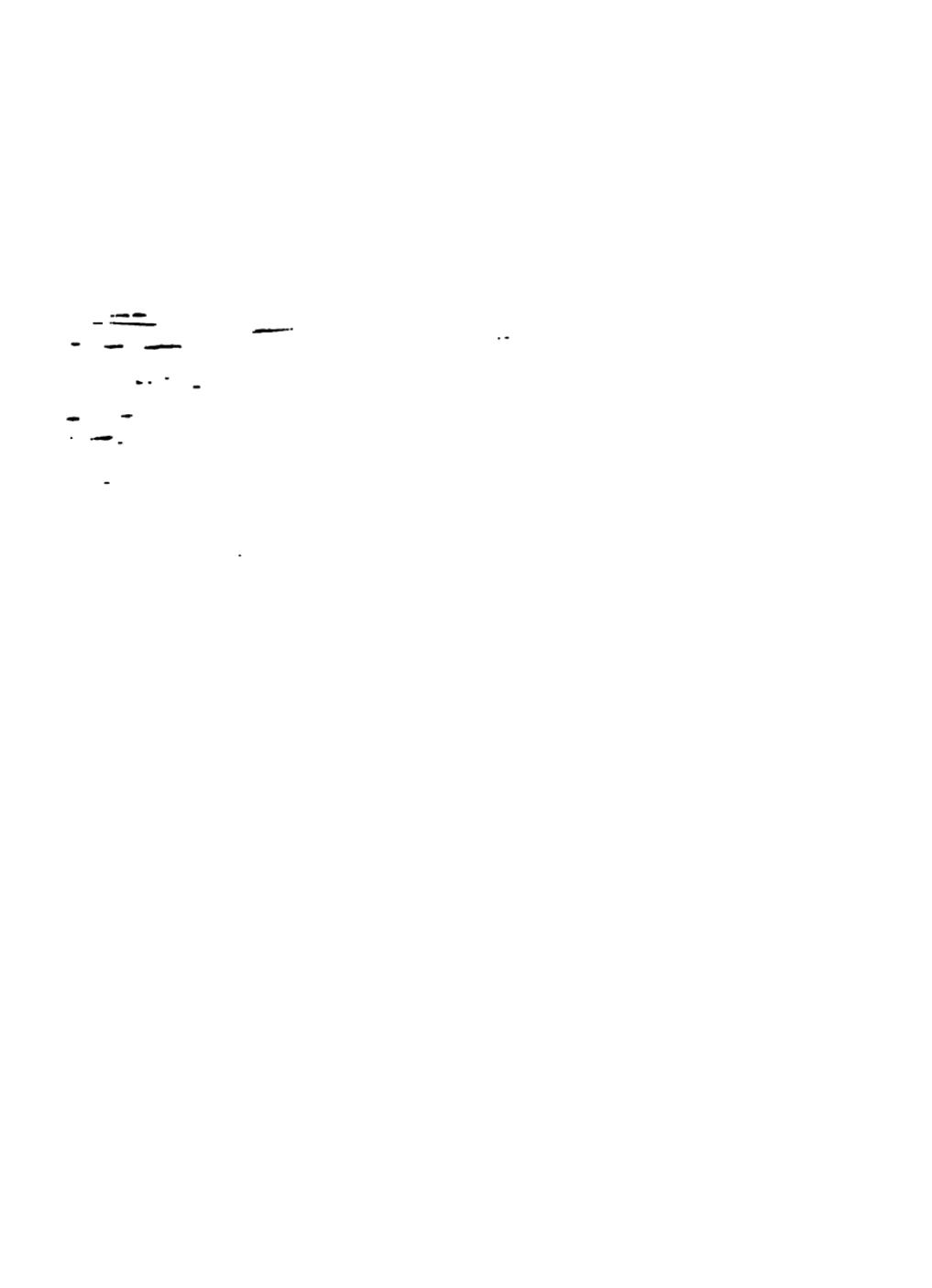
who's not expected to be faithful - G. L. K.

Enter CLEOPATRA.

Ah, thou spell! Avaunt!

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*Dont see why s.s. isn't good
I think I like it*



And bring me how he takes my death.—To the monument !

[*Exeunt.*]

SCENE XIV. *The Same. Another Room.*

Enter ANTONY and EROS.

Antony. Eros, thou yet behold'st me ?

Eros. Ay, noble lord.

Antony. Sometime we see a cloud that 's dragonish, A vapour sometime like a bear or lion, A tower'd citadel, a pendent rock, A forked mountain, or blue promontory With trees upon 't, that nod unto the world And mock our eyes with air: thou hast seen these signs; They are black vesper's pageants.

Eros. Ay, my lord.

Antony. That which is now a horse, even with a thought The rack dislimns and makes it indistinct effaces (!) ^{to} As water is in water.

Eros. It does, my lord.

Antony. My good knave Eros, now thy captain is Even such a body; here I am Antony, Yet cannot hold this visible shape, my knave. I made these wars for Egypt, and the queen,— Whose heart I thought I had, for she had mine, Which whilst it was mine had annex'd unto 't A million moe, now lost,—she, Eros, has Pack'd cards with Cæsar, and false play'd my glory Unto an enemy's triumph.— Nay, weep not, gentle Eros; there is left us Ourselves to end ourselves.—

*(Transferred
by false play)*

Enter MARDIAN.

O, thy vile lady!

She has robb'd me of my sword.

Mardian. No, Antony;
My mistress lov'd thee, and her fortunes mingled
With thine entirely.

Antony. Hence, saucy eunuch; peace!
She hath betray'd me and shall die the death.

Mardian. Death of one person can be paid but once,
And that she has discharg'd. What thou wouldest do
Is done unto thy hand; the last she spake
Was 'Antony! most noble Antony!' 30
Then in the midst a tearing groan did break
The name of Antony; it was divided
Between her heart and lips: she render'd life,
Thy name so buried in her.

Antony. Dead, then?

Mardian. Dead.

Antony. Unarm, Eros; the long day's task is done,
And we must sleep.—[To *Mardian*] That thou depart'st
hence safe,

Does pay thy labour richly; go.—[Exit *Mardian*.] Off,
pluck off!—

The seven-fold shield of Ajax cannot keep
The battery from my heart. O, cleave, my sides! doesn't keep in
heart & heart
Heart, once be stronger than thy continent, Container
Crack thy frail case!—Apace. Eros, apace.—
No more a soldier.—Bruised pieces, go;
You have been nobly borne.—From me awhile.—

[Exit *Eros*.]

I will o'ertake thee, Cleopatra, and
Weep for my pardon. So it must be, for now
All length is torture; since the torch is out, prolongation of
my existence
Lie down, and stray no farther.—Now all labour
Mars what it does; yea, very force entangles
Itself with strength: seal then, and all is done.— be. ye only objec
it to die
Eros!—I come, my queen!—Eros!—Stay for me!
Where souls do couch on flowers, we 'll hand in hand,

And with our sprightly port make the ghosts gaze;

Dido and her Aeneas shall want troops,

And all the haunt be ours.—Come, Eros, Eros!

*a little slip of
recollection*

Re-enter EROS.

Eros. What would my lord?

Antony. Since Cleopatra died,

I have liv'd in such dishonour, that the gods

Detest my baseness. I, that with my sword

Quarter'd the world, and o'er green Neptune's back

With ships made cities, condemn myself to lack

The courage of a woman; less noble mind

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Than she which by her death our Cæsar tells

'I am conqueror of myself.' Thou art sworn, Eros,

ancy That, when the exigent should come—which now

ning Is come indeed—when I should see behind me

The inevitable prosecution of

Disgrace and horror, that, on my command,

Thou then wouldst kill me. Do 't; the time is come.

Thou strik'st not me, 't is Cæsar thou defeat'st.

Put colour in thy cheek.

Eros. The gods withhold me!

Shall I do that which all the Parthian darts,

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Though enemy, lost aim and could not?

Antony. Eros,

Wouldst thou be window'd in great Rome and see

Thy master thus with pleach'd arms, bending down

His corrigible neck, his face subdued *Submitting to correction*

To penetrative shame, whilst the wheel'd seat

decide, submissiv

Of fortunate Cæsar, drawn before him, branded

ded. His baseness that ensued?

Eros. I would not see 't.

Antony. Come, then; for with a wound I must be cur'd.

Draw that thy honest sword, which thou hast worn

Most useful for thy country.

Eros.

O, sir, pardon me!

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Antony. When I did make thee free, swor'st thou not then
To do this when I bade thee? Do it at once,
Or thy precedent services are all
But accidents unpurpos'd. Draw, and come.

Eros. Turn from me, then, that noble countenance,
Wherein the worship of the whole world lies. *Epius, is for*
it has caused *worship &* *Antony. Lo thee!* *Ecce* [Turning from him.
night still *cause it* *refers to* *qualities.* *Eros.* My sword is drawn.

Antony.

Then let it do at once

The thing why thou hast drawn it.

Eros.

My dear master,

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My captain, and my emperor, let me say,
Before I strike this bloody stroke, farewell.

Antony. 'T is said, man; and farewell.

Eros. Farewell, great chief. Shall I strike now?

Antony.

Now, Eros.

Eros. Why, there then!—Thus I do escape the sorrow
Of Antony's death. [Kills himself.

Antony.

Thrice-nobler than myself!

Thou teachest me, O valiant Eros, what

I should, and thou couldst not. My queen and Eros

begot in me a nobleness of purpose wth. *example*
Have by their brave instruction got upon me *example*
A nobleness in record; but I will be *owh.* *shall be rec-*
A bridegroom in my death, and run into it *history* ¹⁰⁰
As to a lover's bed. Come, then; and, Eros, *by ye whole*
Thy master dies thy scholar: to do thus *note is r-*

favors ye note, but leave for next time [Falling on his sword.]
I learn'd of thee. How! not dead? not dead?— *Leave him to his own self*
The guard, ho!—O, dispatch me!

Enter DERCETAS and Guard.

1 Guard.

What's the noise?

Antony. I have done my work ill, friends; O, make an end
Of what I have begun!

2 Guard. The star is fall'n.

1 Guard. And time is at his period.

All. Alas, and woe!

Antony. Let him that loves me strike me dead.

1 Guard. Not I.

2 Guard. Nor I.

3 Guard. Nor any one. 109 [Exeunt Guard.

Dercetas. Thy death and fortunes bid thy followers fly.

This sword but shown to Cæsar, with this tidings,

Shall enter me with him.

procure me a favorable introduction.

Enter DIOMEDES.

Diomedes. Where's Antony?

Dercetas. There, Diomed, there.

Diomedes. Lives he?

Wilt thou not answer, man?

[Exit Dercetas.

Antony. Art thou there, Diomed? Draw thy sword, and give me

Sufficing strokes for death.

Diomedes. Most absolute lord,

My mistress Cleopatra sent me to thee.

Antony. When did she send thee?

Diomedes. Now, my lord.

Antony. Where is she?

Diomedes. Lock'd in her monument. She had a prophesyng fear 120

Of what hath come to pass: for when she saw—

Which never shall be found—you did suspect

She had dispos'd with Cæsar, and that your rage

Would not be purg'd, she sent you word she was dead; *settled matter* *made arraige* *now*.

But, fearing since how it might work, hath sent

Me to proclaim the truth,—and I am come,

I dread, too late.

Antony. Too late, good Diomed. Call my guard, I prithee.

Diomedes. What, ho, the emperor's guard! The guard,
what, ho!
Come, your lord calls!

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Enter four or five of the Guard of Antony.

Antony. Bear me, good friends, where Cleopatra bides;
'T is the last service that I shall command you.

1 Guard. Woe, woe are we, sir, you may not live to wear ^{Sad} ~~your~~ ^{"I am}
All your true followers out.

All. Most heavy day!

Antony. Nay, good my fellows, do not please sharp fate ^{me", y}
~~honouring~~ ^{To grace it with your sorrows; bid that welcome} ~~adery~~ ^{Can't tell}
~~gratify~~ ^{Which comes to punish us, and we punish it} ~~any / of~~ ^{Woe is now}
~~use~~ ^{Seeming to bear it lightly. Take me up.} ~~meat of ye was~~
I have led you oft; carry me now, good friends,
And have my thanks for all. ^{[Exeunt, bearing Antony. 139 Ye 6}

SCENE XV. *The Same. A Monument.*

Enter CLEOPATRA, and her maids aloft, with CHARMIAN and IRAS.

Cleopatra. O Charmian, I will never go from hence.

Charmian. Be comforted, dear madam.

Cleopatra. No, I will not.

All strange and terrible events are welcome,

But comforts we despise; our size of sorrow, measure

~~Doesn't~~ ^{Proportion'd to our cause,} must be as great

~~add any~~ As that which makes it.—

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Enter, below, DIOMEDES.

How, now! is he dead?

Diomedes. His death's upon him, but not dead.
Look out o' the other side your monument;
His guard have brought him thither.

Enter, below, ANTONY, borne by the Guard.

Cleopatra.

Burn the great sphere thou mov'st in! darkling stand
The varying shore o' the world!—O Antony,
Antony, Antony!—Help, Charmian, help, Iras, help;
Help, friends below; let's draw him hither.
It is now Antony.
Not Cæsar's valour hath o'erthrown Antony,
But Antony's hath triumph'd on itself.

Cleopatra. So it should be, that none but Antony
Should conquer Antony; but woe't is so!

Antony. I am dying, Egypt, dying; only
I here importune death awhile, until
Of many thousand kisses the poor last
I lay upon thy lips.

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Cleopatra. I dare not, dear,—
Dear my lord, pardon,—I dare not,
Lest I be taken: not the imperious show
Of the full-fortun'd Cæsar ever shall
Be brooch'd with me; if knife, drugs, serpents, have
Edge, sting, or operation, I am safe.
Your wife Octavia, with her modest eyes
And still conclusion, shall acquire no honour
Demuring upon me. But come, come, Antony,—
Help me, my women,—we must draw thee up.—
Assist, good friends.

Cleopatra. Here's sport indeed!—How heavy weighs my
lord!

Our strength is all gone into heaviness,
That makes the weight. Had I great Juno's power,
The strong-wing'd Mercury should fetch thee up,
And set thee by Jove's side. Yet come a little,—
Wishers were ever fools,—O, come, come, come;

[They heave Antony aloft to Cleopatra.]

And welcome, welcome! die where thou hast liv'd; wel - comē
Quicken with kissing: had my lips that power, vid. last line
again. Thus would I wear them out.

All. A heavy sight!

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Antony. I am dying, Egypt, dying.—
 Give me some wine, and let me speak a little.

Cleopatra. No, let me speak; and let me rail so high, / looks like
 That the false huswife Fortune break her wheel, railing
 Provok'd by my offence.

Antony. One word, sweet queen; / ys. is good
 Of Cæsar seek your honour with your safety.—O!

Cleopatra. They do not go together.

Antony. Gentle, hear me;
 None about Cæsar trust but Proculeius.

Cleopatra. My resolution and my hands I'll trust,
 None about Cæsar.

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Antony. The miserable change now at my end
 Lament nor sorrow at, but please your thoughts
 In feeding them with those my former fortunes
 Wherein I liv'd, the greatest prince o' the world,
 The noblest, and do now not basely die,
 Not cowardly put off my helmet to
 My countryman,—a Roman by a Roman
 Valiantly vanquish'd. Now my spirit is going;
 I can no more.

Cleopatra. Noblest of men, woo't die? old form of wilt
 Hast thou no care of me? shall I abide wilt, secondary for
 In this dull world, which in thy absence is lacking you.
 No better than a sty?—O, see, my women, [Antony dies]
 The crown o' the earth doth melt.—My lord!—
 O, wither'd is the garland of the war, garland borne on a
 The soldier's pole is fall'n: young boys and girls standards.
 Are level now with men; the odds is gone, all diff. bet. men
 And there is nothing left remarkable is gone,
 Beneath the visiting moon.

It can be distinguished
from any thing else.

Charmian. O, quietness, lady!

Iras. She is dead too, our sovereign.

Charmian. Lady!

Iras. Madam!

Charmian. O madam, madam, madam!

Iras. Royal Egypt, ⁷⁰

Empress!

Charmian. Peace, peace, Iras!

Cleopatra. No more, but e'en a woman, and commanded
 By such poor passion as the maid that milks ~~feeling~~
And does the meanest chares.—It were for me ~~feeling~~
 To throw my sceptre at the injurious gods; chares
 To tell them that this world did equal theirs
 Till they had stol'n our jewel. All's but naught; of no value.
Patience is sottish, and impatience does to be patient ^{so is}
 Become a dog that's mad: then is it sin foulish
 To rush into the secret house of death,
 Ere death dare come to us?—How do you, women?
 What, what! good cheer!—Why, how now, Charmian!—
 My noble girls! Ah, women, women, look,
 Our lamp is spent, it's out!—Good sirs, take heart.
 We'll bury him; and then, what's brave, what's noble,
 Let's do it after the high Roman fashion,
 And make death proud to take us.—Come, away:
 This case of that huge spirit now is cold.—
 Ah, women, women! come; we have no friend
 But resolution and the briefest end. ⁹⁰

[*Exeunt; those above bearing off Antony's body.*

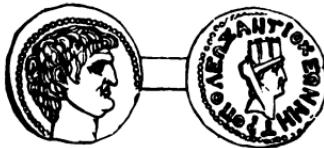
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COIN OF ANTONY, EXECUTED AT ANTIOCH.



INTERIOR OF AN EGYPTIAN TOMB.

ACT V.

SCENE I. *Alexandria. Cæsar's Camp.*

Enter CÆSAR, AGRIPPA, DOLABELLA, MÆCENAS, GALLUS,
PROCULEIUS, and others, *his council of war.*

Cæsar. Go to him, Dolabella, bid him yield;
Being so frustrate, tell him he mocks he feigns to have
to no purpose The pauses that he makes.

Dolabella. tell him to mere affectation to in Cæsar, I shall. [Exit.]

Enter DERCETAS, with the sword of ANTONY.

Cæsar. Wherefore is that? and what art thou that da'st pose you
Appear thus to us?

Dercetas. I am call'd Dercetas;
Mark Antony I serv'd, who best was worthy
Best to be serv'd: whilst he stood up and spoke,
He was my master, and I wore my life had, owned, held

To spend upon his haters. If thou please
 To take me to thee, as I was to him
 I'll be to Cæsar; if thou pleasest not,
 I yield thee up my life.

Cæsar. What is 't thou say'st?

Dercetas. I say, O Cæsar, Antony is dead.

Cæsar. The breaking of so great a thing should make
 A greater crack; the round world
 Should have shook lions into civil streets, *orderly civilized*
 And citizens to their dens. The death of Antony.
 Is not a single doom; in the name lay *into wild dens*
 A moiety of the world.

Dercetas. He is dead, Cæsar:

Not by a public minister of justice,
 Nor by a hired knife; but that self hand,
 Which writ his honour in the acts it did,
 Hath, with the courage which the heart did lend it,
 Splitted the heart. This is his sword;
 I robb'd his wound of it: behold it stain'd
 With his most noble blood.

Cæsar. Look you sad, friends?
 The gods rebuke me, but it is tidings
 To wash the eyes of kings.

Agrippa. And strange it is,
 That nature must compel us to lament
 Our most persisted deeds.

Mæcenas. Wag'd equal with him.

Agrippa. Wag'd equal with him.

Mæcenas. Did steer humanity; but you, gods, will give us

Some faults to make us men. Cæsar is touch'd.

Mæcenas. When such a spacious mirror's set before him,

He needs must see himself.

Cæsar. O Antony!
 I have follow'd thee to this; but we do lance *pursued, pursued*

Diseases in our bodies. I must perforce
 Have shown to thee such a declining day,
 Or look on thine; we could not stall together ^{live}
 In the whole world. But yet let me lament,
 With tears as sovereign as the blood of hearts,
 That thou, my brother, my competitor
 In top of all design, my mate in empire,
 Friend and companion in the front of war,
 The arm of mine own body, and the heart
 Where mine his thoughts did kindle,—that our stars,
 Unreconcilable, should divide ^{as. dividing where}
 Our equality to this.—Hear me, good friends,— ^{in a position}
 But I will tell you at some meeter season: ^{of equality to}
⁵⁰ *Ys. degree*

Enter an Egyptian.

The business of this man looks out of him;
 We 'll hear him what he says.—Whence are you?

Egyptian. A poor Egyptian yet.—The queen my mistress, not
 Confin'd in all she has, her monument,
 Of thy intents desires instruction, ^{made over in}
 That she preparedly may frame herself ^{a Roman yet.}
 To the way she 's forc'd to.

Cæsar. Bid her have good heart.
 She soon shall know of us, by some of ours,
 How honourable and how kindly we
 Determine for her; for Cæsar cannot live
 To be ungentle.

Egyptian. So the gods preserve thee! [Exit.]
Cæsar. Come hither, Proculeius. Go and say,
 We purpose her no shame. Give her what comforts

The quality of her passion shall require,
 Lest, in her greatness, by some mortal stroke
 She do defeat us; for her life in Rome ^{if we can take her}
Would be eternal in our triumph. Go, ^{alone to Rome yet}
 And with your speediest bring us what she says, ^{fact w. force}
 And how you find of her. ^{be remembt. part of}

Proculeius. Cæsar, I shall. [Exit.

Cæsar. Gallus, go you along.—[Exit *Gallus.*] Where's Dolabella.

To second Proculeius?

All Dolabella !

Cæsar. Let him alone, for I remember now
How he 's employ'd; he shall in time be ready.
Go with me to my tent, where you shall see
How hardly I was drawn into this war,
How calm and gentle I proceeded still
In all my writings. Go with me, and see
What I can show in this.

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[*Exeunt.*]

SCENE II. *Alexandria. A Room in the Monument.*

Enter CLEOPATRA, CHARMIAN, and IRAS.

*Cleopatra. My desolation does begin to make my desolation
A better life. 'T is paltry to be Cæsar; brings me a better
Not being Fortune, he's but Fortune's knave, idea of what
A minister of her will: and it is great life is, should be
To do that thing that ends all other deeds,
Which shackles accidents and bolts up change,
Which sleeps, and never palates more the dung,
The beggar's nurse and Cæsar's.*

*Enter, to the gates of the monument, PROCULEIUS, GALLUS, and
SOLDIERS.*

~~to the Queen~~ Proculeius. Cæsar sends greeting to the Queen of Egypt,
~~see~~ And bids thee study on what fair demands
~~not here~~ Thou mean'st to have him grant thee. 10

Cleopatra. What 's thy name?

Proculeius. My name is Proculeius.

Did tell me of you, bade me trust you; but

I do not greatly care to be deceiv'd, I don't care if I am
d, I and get

That have no use for trusting. If your master
 Would have a queen his beggar, you must tell him,
 That majesty, to keep decorum, must
 No less beg than a kingdom; if he please
 To give me conquer'd Egypt for my son,
 He gives me so much of mine own as I
 Will kneel to him with thanks.

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Proculeius. Be of good cheer;
 You're fall'n into a princely hand, fear nothing.
 Make your full reference freely to my lord,
 Who is so full of grace that it flows over
 On all that need. Let me report to him
 Your sweet dependency, and you shall find
~~ask you~~ A conqueror that will pray in aid for kindness,
~~to be kind~~ Where he for grace is kneel'd to. *legal phrase.*
~~to him~~ *Cleopatra.* *ask in (for) ai* Pray you, tell him
~~when he~~ I am his fortune's vassal, and I send him *I q. 9 sed him take*
~~is kind to~~ The greatness he has got. I hourly learn
~~you.~~ A doctrine of obedience, and would gladly
 Look him i' the face.

Proculeius. This I'll report, dear lady.
 Have comfort, for I know your plight is pitied
 Of him that caus'd it.

Gallus. You see how easily she may be surpris'd.—

[*Here Proculeius and two of the Guard ascend
 the monument by a ladder placed against a
 window, and, having descended, come behind
 Cleopatra. Some of the Guard unbar and
 open the gates.*]

[*To Proculeius*] Guard her till Cæsar come.

[*Exit.*]

Iras. Royal queen!

Charmian. O Cleopatra! thou art taken, queen.

Cleopatra. Quick, quick, good hands. [*Drawing a dagger.*]

Proculeius.

Hold, worthy lady, hold!

[*Seizes and disarms her.*]

Do not yourself such wrong, who are in this
Reliev'd, but not betray'd.

Cleopatra. What, of death too, received of
That rids our dogs of languish?

Proculeius. Cleopatra,
Do not abuse my master's bounty by
The undoing of yourself; let the world see
His nobleness well acted, which your death
Will never let come forth.

Cleopatra. Where art thou, death?
Come hither, come! come, come, and take a queen
Worth many babes and beggars!

Proculeius. O, temperance, lady! be moderate
Cleopatra. Sir, I will eat no meat, I 'll not drink, sir;
If idle talk will once be necessary, rain talk as to what
I 'll not sleep neither. This mortal house I 'll ruin, intend
Do Cæsar what he can. Know, sir, that I
Will not wait pinion'd at your master's court;
Nor once be chastis'd with the sober eye punished
Of dull Octavia. Shall they hoist me up
And show me to the shouting varlety
Of censuring Rome? Rather a ditch in Egypt
Be gentle grave unto me! rather on Nilus' mud
Lay me stark nak'd, and let the water-flies
Blow me into abhorring! rather make deposit yr 6^o audience on
My country's high pyramides my gibbet,
And hang me up in chains!

Proculeius. You do extend
These thoughts of horror further than you shall
Find cause in Cæsar.

Enter DOLABELLA.

Dolabella. Proculeius,
What thou hast done thy master Cæsar knows,
And he hath sent for thee; for the queen,
I 'll take her to my guard.

Proculeius. So, Dolabella,
It shall content me best; be gentle to her.—
[To Cleopatra.] To Cæsar I will speak what you shall
please,
If you 'll employ me to him.

Cleopatra. Say, I would die. 70
[Exeunt Proculeius and Soldiers.]

Dolabella. Most noble empress, you have heard of me?
Cleopatra. I cannot tell.

Dolabella. Assuredly you know me.
Cleopatra. No matter, sir, what I have heard or known.
You laugh when boys or women tell their dreams;
Is 't not your trick? way.

Dolabella. I understand not, madam.

Cleopatra. I dream'd there was an Emperor Antony.—
O, such another sleep, that I might see
But such another man!

Dolabella. If it might please ye,—

Cleopatra. His face was as the heavens; and therein stuck
A sun and moon, which kept their course, and lighted 80
The little O, the earth.

Dolabella. Most sovereign creature,—

Cleopatra. His legs bestrid the ocean: his rear'd arm his arm
Crested the world: his voice was propertied was lifted a
As all the tuned spheres, and that to friends; in words and a ges
But when he meant to quail and shake the orb, to give a shud
He was as rattling thunder. For his bounty,
There was no winter in 't; an autumn 't was
That grew the more by reaping: his delights
Were dolphin-like; they show'd his back above
The element they liv'd in: in his livery
Walk'd crowns and crownets; realms and islands were 90
As plates drop'd from his pocket. kings &
princes

Dolabella. Cleopatra!

Cleopatra. Think you there was, or might be, such a man
As this I dream'd of?

Dolabella. Gentle madam, no.

Cleopatra. You lie, up to the hearing of the gods.

But, if there be, or ever were, one such, ~~nature~~ in general

It's past the size of dreaming: nature wants stuff
To vie strange forms with fancy; yet, to imagine
An Antony, were nature's piece 'gainst fancy,
Condemning shadows quite. transcends the
measure of
all dreams

Cleopatra. I thank you, sir.

Know you what Cæsar means to do with me?

Dolabella. I am loath to tell you what I would you knew.

Cleopatra. Nay, pray you, sir,—

Cleopatra. He 'll lead me, then, in triumph?

Dolabella. Madam, he will; I know 't.

[Flourish, and shout within, ' Make way there : Cæsar !'

*Enter CÆSAR, GALLUS, PROCULEIUS, MÆCENAS, SELEUCUS,
and others of his Train.*

Cæsar. Which is the Queen of Egypt?

Dolabella. It is the Emperor, madam. [Cleopatra kneels.]

Cæsar. Arise, you shall not kneel.

I pray you rise; rise, Egypt.

Cleopatra. Sir, the gods

Will have it thus; my master and my lord

I must obey.

Cæsar. Take to you no hard thoughts;

The record of what injuries you did us,

Though written in our flesh, we shall remember the injury done
As things but done by chance.

As things but done by chance. **το θέλαντα**

Cleopatra. Sole sir o' the world,
I cannot project mine own cause so well
To make it clear, but do confess I have
Been laden with like frailties which before
Have often sham'd our sex.

Cæsar. Cleopatra, know,
We will extenuate rather than enforce. *lay great stress on.*
If you apply yourself to our intents, *devote yourself, confo-*
Which towards you are most gentle, you shall find *to my intent*
A benefit in this change; but if you seek
To lay on me a cruelty, by taking *impute*
Antony's course, you shall bereave yourself *in killing yourself*
Of my good purposes, and put your children
To that destruction which I'll guard them from,
If thereon you rely. *I'll take my leave.* *To do so + so*

Cleopatra. And may, through all the world: 't is yours;
and we, *You may, for your care.*
Your scutcheons and your signs of conquest, shall *shields, re-*
Hang in what place you please. Here, my good lord. *of your trea-*
Cæsar. You shall advise me in all for Cleopatra. *umphs.*
Cleopatra. This is the brief of money, plate, and jewels,
I am possess'd of; 't is exactly valued,
Not petty things admitted.—Where's Seleucus?

Seleucus. Here, madam.
Cleopatra. This is my treasurer; let him speak, my lord,
Upon his peril, that I have reserv'd
To myself nothing.—Speak the truth, Seleucus.

Seleucus. Madam,
I had rather seal my lips, than, to my peril,
Speak that which is not.

Cleopatra. What have I kept back?
Seleucus. Enough to purchase what you have made known.
Cæsar. Nay, blush not, Cleopatra; I approve
Your wisdom in the deed.

Cleopatra. See, Cæsar! O, behold,

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*Shape; set forth
my own self.*

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How pomp is follow'd! mine will now be yours,
 And, should we shift estates, yours would be mine. *Every one goes
 and to greatness.*
 The ingratitude of this Seleucus does
 Even make me wild.—O slave, of no more trust
 Than love that's hir'd!—What, goest thou back? *thou shalt*
~~warrant~~
~~in~~
~~but~~ Go back, I warrant thee; but I'll catch thine eyes, *greatest way*
 Though they had wings.—Slave, soulless villain, dog!
 O rarely base!

Cæsar. Good queen, let us entreat you.

Cleopatra. O Cæsar, what a wounding shame is this,
 That thou, vouchsafing here to visit me,
 Doing the honour of thy lordliness

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To one so meek, that mine own servant should

Parcel the sum of my disgraces by *add a parcel to*

Addition of his envy! Say, good Cæsar, *malice*

That I some lady trifles have reserv'd,

Immoment toys, things of such dignity *no more*

As we greet modern friends withal; and say,

Some nobler token I have kept apart *every day*

For Livia and Octavia, to induce *his wife*

Their mediation; must I be unfolded

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With one that I have bred? The gods! it smites me

Beneath the fall I have.—[To Seleucus] Prithee, go hence;

Or I shall show the cinders of my spirits *remain of my*

Through the ashes of my chance; wert thou a man, *spirit shall*

Thou wouldst have mercy on me. *flare up through*

Cæsar. be off. *Forbear, Seleucus.* *[Exit Seleucus. my per-*

Cleopatra. Be it known, that we, the greatest, are misthought

For things that others do; and, when we fall,

We answer others' merits in our name,

Are therefore to be pitied. *I thought ill of*

Cæsar.

Cleopatra,

Not what you have reserv'd, nor what acknowledg'd,

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Put we i' the roll of conquest: still be 't yours,

Bestow it at your pleasure ; and believe,
 Cæsar 's no merchant, to make prize with you *appeared*
 Of things that merchants sold. Therefore be cheer'd ;
 Make not your thoughts your prisons : no, dear queen ;
 For we intend so to dispose you as
 Yourself shall give us counsel. Feed, and sleep :
 Our care and pity is so much upon you,
 That we remain your friend ; and so, adieu.

Cleopatra. My master, and my lord !

Cæsar. Not so. Adieu.

[*Flourish. Exeunt Cæsar and his train.*]

Cleopatra. He words me, girls, he words me, that I should
 not

Be noble to myself ;—but, hark thee, Charmian.

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[*Whispers Charmian.*]

Iras. Finish, good lady ; the bright day is done,
 And we are for the dark.

Cleopatra. Hie thee again :
 I have spoke already, and it is provided ;
 Go put it to the haste.

Charmian. Madam, I will.

Re-enter DOLABELLA.

Dolabella. Where is the queen ?

Charmian. Behold, sir. [*Exit.*]

Cleopatra. Dolabella !

Dolabella. Madam, as thereto sworn by your command,
 Which my love makes religion to obey,
 I tell you this : Cæsar through Syria
 Intends his journey, and within three days
 You with your children will he send before.
 Make your best use of this ; I have perform'd
 Your pleasure and my promise.

Cleopatra. Dolabella,
 I shall remain your debtor.

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Dolabella. I your servant.
Adieu, good queen; I must attend on Cæsar.

Cleopatra. Farewell, and thanks.—[Exit *Dolabella.*] Now,
Iras, what think'st thou?

Thou, an Egyptian puppet, shalt be shown
In Rome, as well as I: mechanic slaves
With greasy aprons, rules, and hammers, shall
Uplift us to the view; in their thick breaths,
Rank of gross diet, shall we be encloathed,
And forc'd to drink their vapour.

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Iras. The gods forbid!

Cleopatra. Nay, 't is most certain, Iras. Saucy lictors
Will catch at us, like strumpets, and scald rhymers
Ballad us out o' tune; the quick comedians,
Extemporally will stage us, and present represent
Our Alexandrian revels; Antony
Shall be brought drunken forth, and I shall see
Some squeaking Cleopatra boy my greatness
I' the posture of a whore.

Iras. O the good gods!

a boy

Cleopatra. Nay, that's certain.

Iras. I'll never see 't; for, I am sure, my nails
Are stronger than mine eyes.

Cleopatra. Why, that's the way
To fool their preparation, and to conquer
Their most absurd intents.—

Re-enter CHARMIAN.

Now, Charmian!—

Show me, my women, like a queen; go fetch
My best attires.—I am again for Cydnus,
To meet Mark Antony.—Sirrah Iras, go.— rather strew
Now, noble Charmian, we'll dispatch indeed; for a ²²⁰ woman
And, when thou hast done this chare, I'll give thee leave
To play till doomsday.—Bring our crown and all.—
Wherefore's this noise? [Exit *Iras.* A noise within.

Enter a Guardsman.

Guardsman. Here is a rural fellow
That will not be denied your highness' presence;
He brings you figs.

Cleopatra. Let him come in.—[*Exit Guardsman.*] What
poor an instrument
May do a noble deed! he brings me liberty.
My resolution's plac'd, and I have nothing
Of woman in me: now from head to foot
I am marble-constant; now the fleeting moon
No planet is of mine. 240

Re-enter Guardsman, with Clown bringing in a basket.

Guardsman. This is the man.
Cleopatra. Avoid, and leave him.— [*Exit Guardsman.*]
Hast thou the pretty worm of Nilus there,
That kills and pains not?

Clown. Truly, I have him; but I would not be the party
that should desire you to touch him, for his biting is im-
mortal: those that do die of it do seldom or never re-
cover. 248

Cleopatra. Rememberest thou any that have died on 't?
Clown. Very many, men and women too. I heard of one
of them no longer than yesterday; a very honest woman,
but something given to lie,—as a woman should not do, but
in the way of honesty,—how she died of the biting of it,
what pain she felt. Truly, she makes a very good report o'
the worm, but he that will believe all that they say shall
never be saved by half that they do; but this is most falli-
ble, the worm's an odd worm.

Cleopatra. Get thee hence; farewell.
Clown. I wish you all joy of the worm.

[*Setting down his basket.*]

Cleopatra. Farewell. 260

Clown. You must think this, look you, that the worm will do his kind.

Cleopatra. Ay, ay; farewell.

Clown. Look you, the worm is not to be trusted but in the keeping of wise people; for, indeed, there is no goodness in the worm.

Cleopatra. Take thou no care; it shall be heeded.

Clown. Very good. Give it nothing, I pray you, for it is not worth the feeding.

Cleopatra. Will it eat me?

Clown. You must not think I am so simple but I know the devil himself will not eat a woman. I know that a woman is a dish for the gods, if the devil dress her not. But, truly, these same whoreson devils do the gods great harm in their women; for in every ten that they make, the devils mar five.

Cleopatra. Well, get thee gone; farewell.

Clown. Yes, forsooth; I wish you joy o' the worm. [Exit.

Re-enter IRAS with a robe, crown, etc.

Cleopatra. Give me my robe, put on my crown; I have Immortal longings in me. Now no more

The juice of Egypt's grape shall moist this lip.—

Yare, yare, good Iras; quick.—Methinks I hear *ready* Antony call; I see him rouse himself

To praise my noble act; I hear him mock

The luck of Cæsar, which the gods give men

To excuse their after wrath.—Husband, I come!

Now to that name my courage prove my title!

I am fire and air; my other elements

I give to baser life.—So; have you done?

Come then, and take the last warmth of my lips.—

Farewell, kind Charmian.—Iras, long farewell.

[Kisses them. *Iras falls and dies.*
Have I the aspic in my lips? Dost fall?

If thou and nature can so gently part,
 The stroke of death is as a lover's pinch,
 Which hurts, and is desir'd. Dost thou lie still?
 If thus thou vanishest, thou tell'st the world
 It is not worth leave-taking.

Charmian. Dissolve, thick cloud, and rain ; that I may say,
 The gods themselves do weep !

Cleopatra. This proves me base ;
 If she first meet the curled Antony, 300
 He 'll make demand of her, and spend that kiss
 Which is my heaven to have.—Come, thou mortal wretch,
 [To an asp, which she applies to her breast.
 With thy sharp teeth this knot intrinsicate ~~blundering word.~~
 Of life at once untie ; poor venomous fool,
 Be angry, and dispatch. O, couldst thou speak,
 That I might hear thee call great Cæsar ass
 Unpoliced ! *Charmian.* O eastern star ! *Cleopatra.* Peace, peace ! ~~for ye emergency.~~

Dost thou not see my baby at my breast,
 That sucks the nurse asleep ?

Charmian. O, break ! O, break ! 309
Cleopatra. As sweet as balm, as soft as air, as gentle,—

O Antony !—Nay, I will take thee too.—

[Applying another asp to her arm.
 What should I stay— [Dies.]

Charmian. In this wild world ?—So, fare thee well.—
 Now boast thee, death, in thy possession lies
 A lass unparalleled'd.—Downy windows, close ;
 And golden Phœbus never be beheld
 Of eyes again so royal !—Your crown 's awry ;
 I 'll mend it, and then play—

Enter the Guard, rushing in.

1 Guard. Where is the queen ?

Charmian. Speak softly, wake her not.

1 *Guard.* Cæsar hath sent—

Charmian. Too slow a messenger.—

[Applies an asp.

O, come apace, dispatch ! I partly feel thee.

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1 *Guard.* Approach, ho ! All 's not well ; Cæsar 's beguile d.

2 *Guard.* There 's Dolabella sent from Cæsar ; call him.

1 *Guard.* What work is here !—Charmian, is this well done ?

Charmian. It is well done, and fitting for a princess
Descended of so many royal kings.

Ah, soldier !

[Dies.

Re-enter DOLABELLA.

Dolabella. How goes it here ?

2 *Guard.* All dead.

Dolabella. Cæsar, thy thoughts
Touch their effects in this ; thyself art coming *reach yr. Myse*
To see perform'd the dreaded act which thou
So sought'st to hinder.

[*Within.* 'A way there, a way for Cæsar !'

Re-enter CÆSAR, and all his train, marching.

Dolabella. O sir, you are too sure an augurer ;
That you did fear is done.

Cæsar. Bravest at the last,
She levell'd at our purposes, and, being royal,
Took her own way.—The manner of their deaths ? *guessed*
I do not see them bleed.

Dolabella. Who was last with them ?

1 *Guard.* A simple countryman, that brought her figs ;
This was his basket.

Cæsar. Poison'd, then.

1 *Guard.* O Cæsar,

This Charmian liv'd but now ; she stood and spake.
 I found her trimming up the diadem
 On her dead mistress ; tremblingly she stood
 And on the sudden dropp'd.

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Cæsar. O noble weakness !—
 If they had swallow'd poison, 't would appear
 By external swelling ; but she looks like sleep,
 As she would catch another Antony
 In her strong toil of grace.

Dolabella. Here, on her breast,
 There is a vent of blood and something blown ; Some slight
swelling, but
 The like is on her arm.

i Guard. This is an aspic's trail ; and these fig-leaves what are
 Have slime upon them, such as the aspic leaves
 Upon the caves of Nile.

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Cæsar. Most probable
 That so she died ; for her physician tells me
 She hath pursued conclusions infinite Experiments numerous
 Of easy ways to die.—Take up her bed ;
 And bear her women from the monument.
 She shall be buried by her Antony ;
 No grave upon the earth shall clip in it Embrace, contain
 A pair so famous. High events as these
Strike those that make them ; and their story is hit, are a blow
 No less in pity than his glory which
 Brought them to be lamented. Our army shall Get you 360 equal gl
 In solemn show attend this funeral,
 And then to Rome.—Come, Dolabella, see
 High order in this great solemnity.

[*Exeunt.*]

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POMPEY'S PILLAR.

N O T E S.



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE NOTES.

Abbott (or Gr.), Abbott's *Shakespearian Grammar* (third edition).
A. S., Anglo-Saxon.
A. V., Authorized Version of the Bible (1611).
B. and F., Beaumont and Fletcher.
B. J., Ben Jonson.
Camb. ed., "Cambridge edition" of Shakespeare, edited by Clark and Wright.
Cf. (*confer*), compare.
Clarke, "Cassell's Illustrated Shakespeare," edited by Charles and Mary Cowden-Clarke (London, n. d.).
Coll., Collier (second edition).
Coll. MS., Manuscript Corrections of Second Folio, edited by Collier.
D., Dyce (second edition).
H., Hudson ("Harvard" edition).
Halliwell, J. O. Halliwell (folio ed. of Shakespeare).
Id. (*idem*), the same.
K., Knight (second edition).
Nares, *Glossary*, edited by Halliwell and Wright (London, 1859).
Prol., Prologue.
S., Shakespeare.
Schmidt, A. Schmidt's *Shakespeare-Lexicon* (Berlin, 1874).
Sr., Singer.
St., Staunton.
Theo., Theobald.
V., Verplanck.
W., R. Grant White.
Walker, Wm. Sidney Walker's *Critical Examination of the Text of Shakespeare* (London, 1860).
Warb., Warburton.
Wb., Webster's Dictionary (revised quarto edition of 1879).
Worc., Worcester's Dictionary (quarto edition).

The abbreviations of the names of Shakespeare's Plays will be readily understood; as *T. N.* for *Twelfth Night*, *Cor.* for *Coriolanus*, *3 Hen. VI.* for *The Third Part of King Henry the Sixth*, etc. *P. P.* refers to *The Passionate Pilgrim*; *V.* and *A.* to *Venus and Adonis*; *L. C.* to *Lover's Complaint*; and *Sonn.* to the *Sonnets*.

When the abbreviation of the name of a play is followed by a reference to *page*, Rolfe's edition of the play is meant.

The numbers of the lines (except for the present play) are those of the "Globe" ed. or of the American reprint of that ed.

NOTES.



ALEXANDRIA.

INTRODUCTION.

THE following are the chief passages in North's *Plutarch* (see p. 11 above) which illustrate the play:*

"Cicero on the other side, being at that time the chiefest man of authority and estimation in the city, he stirred up all men against Antonius: so that in the end he made the senate pronounce him an enemy to his country, and appointed young Cæsar sergeants to carry axes before him, and such other signs as were incident to the dignity of a Consul or Praetor: and moreover, sent Hircius and Pansa, then Consuls, to drive Antonius out of Italy. These two Consuls, together with Cæsar, who also had an army, went against Antonius that besieged the city of Modena, and there overthrew him in battle: but both the Consuls were slain there.

* We take these from *Shakespeare's Plutarch*, edited by Rev. W. W. Skeat, M.A. (London, 1875), p. 167 fol.

“ Antonius, flying upon this overthrow, fell into great misery all at once: but the chiefeſt want of all other, and that pinched him moſt, was famine. Howbeit he was of ſuch a ſtrong nature, that by patience he would overcome any adversity: and the heavier fortune lay upon him, the more conſtant ſhewed he himſelf. Every man that feeleth want or adversity, knoweth by virtue and diſcretion what he ſhould do: but when indeed they are overlaid with extremity, and be ſore oppreſſed, few have the hearts to follow that which they praise and commend, and much leſs to avoid that they reprove and miſlike: but rather to the contrary, they yield to their accuſtomed eaſy life, and through faint heart, and lack of courage, do change their firſt mind and purpoſe. And therefore it was a wondeſful example to the ſoldiers, to ſee Antonius, that was brought up in all finenefs and ſuperfluity, ſo eaſily to drink puddle water, and to eat wild fruits and roots: and mo reover it is reported, that even as they paſſed the Alps, they did eat the barks of trees, and ſuch beaſts as never man tasted of their fleſh before. . . .

“ Antonius being thus inclined, the laſt and extreſte miſchief of all other (to wit, the love of Cleopatra) lighted on him, who did waken and stir up many vices yet hidden in him, and were never ſeen to any: and if any ſpark of goodness or hope of riſing were left him, Cleopatra quenched it ſtraight, and made it worse than before. The manner how he fell in love with her was this. Antonius, going to make war with the Parthians, ſent to command Cleopatra to appear perſonally before him when he came into Cilicia, to anſwer unto ſuch accuſations as were laid againſt her, being this: that ſhe had aided Cassius and Brutus in their war againſt him. The messenger ſent unto Cleopatra, to make this ſummons unto her, was ca ſed Dellius; who when he had thoro ughly conſidered her beauty, the excellent grace and ſweetneſs of her tongue, he nothing miſtrusted that Antonius would do any hurt to ſo noble a lady, but rather au reſed himſelf, that within few days ſhe ſhould be in great favour with him. Thereupon he did her great honour, and perſuaded her to come into Cilicia, as honourably furnished as ſhe could poſſible; and bad her not to be afraid at all of Antonius, for he was a more courteous lord than any that ſhe had ever ſeen. Cleopatra on the other ſide, believing Dellius’ words, and geu eſing by the former access and credit ſhe had with Julius Cæſar and C. Pompey (the ſon of Pompey the Great) only for her beauty, ſhe began to have good hope that ſhe might more eaſily win Antonius. For Cæſar and Pompey knew her when ſhe was but a young thing, and knew not then what the world meant: but now ſhe went to Antonius at the age when a woman’s beauty is at the prime, and ſhe alſo of beſt judgment. So ſhe furnished herſelf with a world of giſts, ſtore of gold and ſilver, and of riſhes and other ſumptuous ornaments, as is credible enough ſhe might bring from ſo great a house, and from ſo wealthy and ri ch a realm as Egypt was. But yet ſhe carried nothing with her wherein ſhe trusted more than in herſelf, and in the charms and enchantment of her paſſing beauty and grace.

ii. 2. ¹⁹⁰ Therefore, when ſhe was ſent unto by diuers letters, both from fol. Antonius himſelf and alſo from his friends, ſhe made ſo light of it, and mocked Antonius ſo mu ch, that ſhe diſdained to ſet for-

ward otherwise, but to take her barge in the river of Cydnus ; the poop whereof was of gold, the sails of purple, and the oars of silver, which kept stroke in rowing after the sound of the music of flutes, howboys,¹ cithernes,² viols, and such other instruments as they played upon in the barge. And now for the person of her self, she was laid under a pavilion of cloth of gold of tissue, apparelléd and attired like the goddess Venus, commonly drawn in picture : and hard by her, on either hand of her, pretty fair boys apparelléd as painters do set forth god Cupid, with little fans in their hands, with the which they fanned wind upon her. Her ladies and gentlewomen also, the fairest of them, were apparelléd like the nymphs Nereids (which are the mermaids of the waters) and like the Graces ; some steering the helm, others tending the tackle and ropes of the barge, out of the which there came a wonderful passing sweet savour of perfumes, that perfumed the wharf's side, pestered³ with innumerable multitudes of people. Some of them followed the barge all along the river-side : others also ran out of the city to see her coming in. So that in the end, there ran such multitudes of people one after another to see her, that Antonius was left post⁴ alone in the market-place, in his imperial seat, to give audience : and there went a rumour in the people's mouths, that the goddess Venus was come to play with the god Bacchus, for the general good of all Asia. When Cleopatra landed, Antonius sent to invite her to supper to him. But she sent him word again, he should do better rather to come and sup with her. Antonius therefore, to shew himself courteous unto her at her arrival, was contented to obey her, and went to supper to her : where he found such passing sumptuous fare, that no tongue can express it . . .

"Now Antonius was so ravished with the love of Cleopatra, that though his wife Fulvia had great wars, and much ado with Cæsar for his affairs, and that the army of the Partians (the which the king's lieutenants had given to the only⁵ leading of Labienus) was now assembled in Mesopotamia, ready to invade Syria ; yet (as though all this had nothing touched him) he yielded himself to go with Cleopatra unto Alexandria, where he spent and lost in childish sports (as a man might say) and idle pastimes, the most precious thing a man can spend (as Antiphon saith), and that is, time. For they made an order between them, which they called *Amimetobion* (as much to say, no life comparable and matchable with it), one feasting each other by turns, and in cost exceeding all measure and reason. And for proof hereof, I have heard my grandfather Lampryas report, that one Philotas, a physician, born in the city of Amphissa, told him that he was at that present time in Alexandria, and studied physic ; and that having acquaintance with one of Antonius' cooks, he took him with him to Antonius' house (being a young man desirous to see things), to shew him the wonderful sumptuous charge and preparation of one only supper. When he was in the kitchen, and saw a world of diversities of meats, and amongst others eight
ii. 2. 183. wild boars roasted whole, he began to wonder at it, and said :

¹ hautboys. In a Hen. IV, iii. 2. 351 (the only instance of the word in S.) the folio has "Hoeboy."² guitars.³ crowded. Cf. Cor. p. 258.

⁴ posted. Cf. Gr. 341.

⁵ sole.

'Sure you have a great number of guests to supper.' The cook fell a-laughing, and answered him: 'No,' quoth he, 'not many guests, nor above twelve in all: but yet all that is boiled or roasted must be served in whole, or else it would be marred straight: for Antonius peradventure will sup presently, or it may be a pretty while hence, or likely enough he will defer it longer, for that he hath drunk well today, or else hath had some other great matters in hand: and therefore we do not dress one supper only, but many suppers, because we are uncertain of the hour he will sup in.' . . .

"But now again to Cleopatra. Plato writeth that there are four kinds of flattery: but Cleopatra divided it into many kinds. For she (were it in sport, or in matters of earnest) still devised sundry new delights to have Antonius at commandment, never leaving him night nor day, nor once letting him go out of her sight. For she would play at dice with him, drink with him, and hunt commonly with him, and also be with him when he went to any exercise or activity of body. And sometime also,

i. 1. 53. when he would go up and down the city disguised like a slave with him, so that oftentimes Antonius bare away both mocks and blows. Now though most men disliked this manner, yet the Alexandrians were commonly glad of this jollity, and liked it well, saying very gallantly and wisely: 'that Antonius shewed them a comical face, to wit, a merry countenance: and the Romans a tragical face, to say, a grim look.' But to reckon up all the foolish sports they made, revelling in this sort, it were too fond¹ a part of me, and therefore I will only tell you one among the rest. On a time he went to angle for fish, and when he could take none, he was as angry as could be, because Cleopatra stood by. Wherefore he secretly commanded the fishermen, that when he cast in his line, they should straight dive under the water, and put a fish on his hook which they had taken before: and so snatched up his angling-rod, and brought up a fish twice or thrice. Cleopatra found² it straight, yet she seemed not to see it, but wondered at his excellent fishing: but when she was alone by herself among her own people, she told them how it was, and bad them the next morning to be on the water to see the fishing. A number of people came to the haven, and got into the fisher-boats to see this fishing. Antonius then threw in his line, and Cleopatra straight

ii. 5. 15. commanded one of her men to dive under water before Antonius' men, and to put some old salt-fish upon his bait, like unto those that are brought out of the country of Pont. When he had hung the fish on his hook, Antonius, thinking he had taken a fish indeed, snatched up his line presently.³ Then they all fell a-laughing. Cleopatra laughing also, said unto him: 'Leave us, my lord, Egyptians (which dwell in the country of Pharus and Canobus) your angling-rod: this is not thy profession, thou must hunt after conquering of realms and countries.'

¹ foolish.

² discovered.

³ at once. Cf. ii. 2. 163, iii. 4. 15, etc. below.

"Now Antonius delighting in these fond and childish pastimes, very ill news were brought him from two places. The first from i. 2. 84 Rome, that his brother Lucius and Fulvia his wife fell out first fol. between themselves, and afterwards fell to open war with Cæsar, and had brought all to nought, that they were both driven to fly out of Italy. The second news, as bad as the first: that Labienus conquered all Asia with the army of the Parthians, from the river of Euphrates and from Syria unto the country of Lydia and Ionia. Then began Antonius with much ado a little to rouse himself, as if he had been wakened out of a deep sleep, and, as a man may say, coming out of a great drunkenness. So, first of all he bent himself against the Parthians, and went as far as the country of Phœnicia: but there he received lamentable letters from his wife Fulvia. Whereupon he straight returned towards Italy, with two hundred sail: and as he went, took up his friends by the way that fled out of Italy to come to him. By them he was informed, that his wife Fulvia was the only cause of this war: who being of a peevish, crooked, and troublesome nature, had purposely raised this uproar in Italy, in hope thereby to withdraw him from Cleopatra. But by good fortune his wife Fulvia, going to meet with Antonius, sickened by the way, and died in the city of Sicyon: and therefore Octavius Cæsar and he were the easilier made friends again. For when Antonius landed in Italy, and that men saw Cæsar asked nothing of him, and that Antonius on the other side laid all the fault and burden on his wife Fulvia; the friends of both parties would not suffer them to unrip any old matters, and to prove or defend who had the wrong or right, and who was the first procurer of this war, fearing to make matters worse ii. 2. 15 fol. between them: but they made them friends together, and divided the empire of Rome between them, making the sea Ionium the bounds of their division. For they gave all the provinces eastward unto Antonius, and the countries westward unto Cæsar, and left Africa unto Lepidus: and made a law, that they three, one after another, should make their friends Consuls, when they would not be themselves. This seemed to be a sound counsel, but yet it was to be confirmed with a straighter¹ bond, which fortune offered thus. There was Octavia, the eldest sister of Cæsar, not by one mother, for she came of Ancharia, and Cæsar himself afterwards of Accia. It is reported, that he dearly loved his sister Octavia, for indeed she was a noble lady, and left the widow of her first husband Caius Marcellus, who died not long before: and it seemed also that Antonius had been widower ever since the death of his wife Fulvia. For he denied not that he kept Cleopatra, neither did he confess that he had her as his wife: and so with reason he did defend the love he bare unto this Egyptian Cleopatra. Thereupon every man did set forward this marriage, hoping thereby that this lady Octavia, having an excellent grace, wisdom, and honesty, joined unto so rare a beauty, when she were with Antonius (he loving her as so worthy a lady deserveth) she should be a good mean² to keep good love and amity betwixt her brother and him. So when Cæsar and he had made

¹ stricter.² means. See *R. and J.* p. 189.

the match between them, they both went to Rome about this marriage, although it was against the law that a widow should be married within ten months after her husband's death. Howbeit the senate dispensed with the law, and so the marriage proceeded accordingly.

"Sextus Pompeius at that time kept in Sicilia, and so made many an inroad into Italy with a great number of pinnaces and other pirates' ships, of the which were captains two notable pirates, Menas and Menecrates,

ii. 6. who so scoured all the sea thereabouts, that none durst peep out

with a sail. Furthermore, Sextus Pompeius had dealt very friendly with Antonius, for he had courteously received his mother when she fled out of Italy with Fulvia, and therefore they thought good to make peace with him. So they met all three together by the mount of Misena, upon a hill that runneth far into the sea: Pompey having his ships riding hard by at anchor, and Antonius and Cæsar their armies upon the shore-side, directly over against him. Now, after they had agreed that Sextus Pompeius should have Sicily and Sardinia, with this condition, that he should rid the sea of all thieves and pirates, and make it safe for passengers, and withal, that he should send a certain¹ of wheat to Rome, one of them did feast another, and drew cuts² who should begin. It was Pompeius chance to invite them first. Whereupon Antonius asked him: 'And where shall we sup?' 'There,' said Pompey; and shewed him his admirall galley which had six banks of oars: 'that,' said he, 'is my father's house they have left me.' He spake it to taunt Antonius, because he had his father's house, that was Pompey the Great. So he cast anchors enow³ into the sea, to make his galley fast, and then built a bridge of wood to convey them to his galley, from the head of mount Misena: and there he welcomed them, and made them great cheer. Now in the midst of the feast, when they fell to be merry with Antonius' love unto Cleopatra, Menas the pirate came to Pompey, and whispering in his ear, said unto him: 'Shall I cut the cables of the anchors, and make thee lord not only of Sicily and Sardinia, but of the whole empire of Rome besides?' Pompey, having paused a while upon it, at length answered him: 'Thou shouldest have done it, and never have told it me; but now we must content us with that we have: as for myself, I was never taught to break my faith, nor to be counted a traitor.' The other two also did likewise feast him in their camp, and then he returned into Sicily.

"Antonius, after this agreement made, sent Ventidius before into Asia to stay the Parthians, and to keep them they should come no further: and he himself in the mean time, to gratify Cæsar, was contented to be chosen Julius Cæsar's priest and sacrificer, and so they jointly together dispatched all great matters concerning the state of the empire. But in all other manner of sports and exercises, wherein they passed the time away the one with the other, Antonius was ever inferior unto Cæsar, and alway lost, which grieved him much. With Antonius there was a soothsayer or astronomer of Egypt, that could cast a figure, and judge of

¹ a certain quantity.

² lots. Cf. *C. of E.* v. i. 422: "We'll draw cuts for the senior."

³ enough. Cf. i. 4. 11 below.

men's nativities, to tell them what should happen to them. He, either to please Cleopatra, or else for that he found it so by his art, told Antonius plainly, that his fortune (which of itself was excellent good,

ii. 3. and very great) was altogether blemished and obscured by Caesar's fortune: and therefore he counselled him utterly to leave his company, and to get him as far from him as he could. 'For thy demon,' said he, (that is to say, the good angel and spirit that keepeth thee) 'is afraid of his: and being courageous and high when he is alone, becometh fearful and timorous when he cometh near unto the other.' Howsoever it was, the events ensuing proved the Egyptian's words true: for it is said, that as often as they two drew cuts for pastime, who should have anything, or whether they played at dice, Antonius alway lost. Oftentimes when they were disposed to see cock-fight, or quails that were taught to fight one with another, Caesar's cocks or quails did ever overcome. . . .

"In the meantime, Ventidius once again overcame Pacorus (Orodes' son, king of Parthia) in a battle fought in the country of Cyrestica, he being come again with a great army to invade Syria: at which battle was slain a great number of the Parthians, and among them Pacorus, the king's own son. This noble exploit, as famous as ever any was, was a full revenge to the Romans of the shame and loss they had received before

iii. 1. by the death of Marcus Crassus: and he made the Parthians fly, and glad to keep themselves within the confines and territories of Mesopotamia and Media, after they had thrice together been overcome in several battles. Howbeit Ventidius durst not undertake to follow them any farther, fearing lest he should have gotten Antonius' displeasure by it. Notwithstanding, he led his army against them that had rebelled, and conquered them again: amongst whom he besieged Antiochus king of Commagena, who offered him to give a thousand talents to be pardoned his rebellion, and promised ever after to be at Antonius' commandment. But Ventidius made him answer, that he should send unto Antonius; who was not far off, and would not suffer Ventidius to make any peace with Antiochus, to the end that yet this little exploit should pass in his name, and that they should not think he did anything but by his lieutenant Ventidius. The siege grew very long, because they that were in the town, seeing they could not be received upon no reasonable composition, determined valiantly to defend themselves to the last man. Thus Antonius did nothing, and yet received great shame, repenting him much that he took not their first offer. And yet at the last he was glad to make truce with Antiochus, and to take three hundred talents for composition. Thus after he had set order for the state and affairs of Syria, he returned again to Athens: and having given Ventidius such honours as he deserved, he sent him to Rome, to triumph for the Parthians. Ventidius was the only man that ever triumphed of the Parthians until this present day, a mean man born, and of no noble house or family: who only came to that he attained unto, through Antonius' friendship, the which delivered him happy occasion to achieve great matters. And yet to say truly, he did so well quit himself in all his enterprises, that he confirmed that which was spoken of Antonius and Caesar, to wit, that

they were alway more fortunate when they made war by their lieutenants than by themselves. For Sossius, one of Antonius' lieutenants in Syria, did notable good service: and Canidius, whom he had also left his lieutenant in the borders of Armenia, did conquer it all. So did he also overcome the kings of the Iberians and Albanians, and went on with his conquests unto mount Caucasus. By these conquests the fame of Antonius' power increased more and more, and grew dreadful unto all the barbarous nations.

“ But Antonius, notwithstanding, grew to be marvellously offended with Cæsar, upon certain reports that had been brought unto him, and so took sea to go towards Italy with three hundred sail. And because those of Brundusium would not receive his army into their haven, he

iii. 4. went farther unto Tarentum. There his wife Octavia, that came out of Greece with him, besought him to send her unto her brother, the which he did. Octavia at that time was great with child, and moreover had a second daughter by him, and yet she put herself in journey, and met with her brother Octavius Cæsar by the way, who brought his two chief friends, Mæcenas and Agrippa, with him. She took them aside, and with all the instance¹ she could possible, intreated them they would not suffer her, that was the happiest woman of the world, to become now the most wretched and unfortunatest creature of all other. ‘ For now,’ said she, ‘ every man’s eyes do gaze on me, that am the sister of one of the emperors, and wife of the other. And if the worst counsel take place (which the gods forbid) and that they grow to wars: for yourselves, it is uncertain to which of them two the gods have assigned the victory or overthrow. But for me, on which side soever the victory fall, my state can be but most miserable still.’ . . .

“ When Octavia was returned to Rome from Athens, Cæsar commanded her to go out of Antonius’ house, and to dwell by herself, because he had abused² her. Octavia answered him again, that she would not forsake her husband’s house, and that if he had no other occasion to make war with him, she prayed him then to take no thought for her: ‘ For,’ said she, ‘ it were too shameful a thing, that two so famous captains should bring in civil wars among the Romans, the one for the love of a woman, and the other for the jealousy betwixt one another.’ Now as she spake the word, so did she also perform the deed: for she kept still in Antonius’ house, as if he had been there, and very honestly and honourably kept his children, not only those she had by him, but the other which her husband had by Fulvia. Furthermore, when Antonius sent any of his men to Rome, to sue for any office in the commonwealth, she received them very courteously, and so used herself unto her brother, that she obtained the things she requested. Howbeit thereby, thinking no hurt, she did Antonius great hurt. For her honest love and regard to her husband made every man hate him, when they saw he did so unkindly use so noble a lady: but the greatest cause of their malice

iii. 6. unto him was for the division of lands he made among his

¹ urgency.

² deceived. See *Ham.* p. 215, or *Olk.* p. 158.

was too arrogant and insolent a part, and done (as a man would say) in derision and contempt of the Romans. For he assembled all the people in the showplace, where young men do exercise themselves, and there, upon a high tribunal silvered, he set two chairs of gold, the one for himself, and the other for Cleopatra, and lower chairs for his children; then he openly published before the assembly, that first of all he did establish Cleopatra queen of Egypt, of Cyprus, of Lydia, and of the lower Syria; and at that time also Cæsarion king of the same realms. This Cæsarion was supposed to be the son of Julius Cæsar, who had left Cleopatra great with child. Secondly, he called the sons he had by her the kings of kings, and gave Alexander for his portion Armenia, Media, and Parthia, when he had conquered the country; and unto Ptolemy for his portion Phœnicia, Syria, and Cilicia. And therewithal he brought out Alexander in a long gown after the fashion of the Medes with a high cop-tank¹ hat on his head, narrow in the top, as the kings of the Medes and Armenians do use to wear them: and Ptolemy apparelled in a cloak after the Macedonian manner, with slippers on his feet and a broad hat, with a royal band or diadem. Such was the apparel and old attire of the ancient kings and successors of Alexander the Great. So after his sons had done their humble duties, and kissed their father and mother, presently a company of Armenian soldiers, set there of purpose, compassed the one about, and a like company of Macedonians the other. Now for Cleopatra, she did not only wear at that time (but at all other times else when she came abroad) the apparel of the goddess Isis, and so gave audience unto all her subjects, as a new Isis.

"Octavius Cæsar reporting all these things unto the Senate, and oftentimes accusing him to the whole people and assembly in Rome, he thereby stirred up all the Romans against him. Antonius on the other side sent to Rome likewise to accuse him, and the chieftest points of his accusations he charged him with were these. First, that having spoiled Sextus Pompeius in Sicily, he did not give him his part of the ile. Secondly, that he did detain in his hands the ships he lent him to make that war. Thirdly, that having put Lepidus their companion and triumvirate² out of his part of the empire, and having deprived him of all honours, he retained for himself the lands and revenues thereof, which had been assigned unto him for his part. And last of all, that he had in manner divided all Italy amongst his own soldiers, and had left no part of it for his soldiers. Octavius Cæsar answered him again: that for³ Lepidus, he had indeed deposed him, and taken his part of the empire from him, because he did over cruelly use his authority. And secondly, for³ the conquests he had made by force of arms, he was contented Antonius should have his part of them, so that he would likewise let him have his part of Armenia. And thirdly, that for³ his soldiers, they should seek for nothing in Italy, because they possessed Media and Parthia, the which provinces they had added to the empire of Rome, valiantly fighting with their emperor and Captain. . . .

¹ conical. Cf. *T. of S.* p. 167, note on *A captain's hat*.

² sic; for triumvir.

³ as for. Cf. iii. 13. 51 below.

" Now after that Cæsar had made sufficient preparation, he proclaimed open war against Cleopatra, and made the people to abolish the power and empire of Antonius, because he had before given it up unto a woman. And Cæsar said furthermore, that Antonius was not master of himself, but that Cleopatra had brought him beside himself by her charms and amorous poisons: and that they, that should make war with them, should be Mardian the eunuch, Photinus, and Iras (a woman of Cleopatra's bed-chamber, that frizzled her hair, and dressed her head) and Charmion, the which were those that ruled all the affairs of Antonius' empire.

" Before this war, as it is reported, many signs and wonders fell out. . . . The admiral-galley of Cleopatra was called *Antoniad*, in the which there chanced a marvellous ill sign: swallows had bred under iv. 12. 4 the poop of her ship, and there came others after them that drove away the first, and plucked down their nests.

" Now when all things were ready, and that they drew near to fight, it was found, that Antonius had no less than 500 good ships of war, among which there were many galleys that had eight and ten banks of oars, the which were sumptuously furnished, not so meet for fight as for triumph: an hundred thousand footmen, and 12,000 horsemen; and had with him to aid him these kings and subjects following: Bocchus king iii. 6 68. of Lybia, Tarcondemus king of high Cilicia, Archelaus king of Cappadocia, Philadelphus king of Paphlagonia, Mithridates king of Comagena, and Adallas king of Thracia. All which were there, every man in person. The residue that were absent, sent their armies: as Polemon king of Pont, Manchus king of Arabia, Herodes king of Jewry; and furthermore Amyntas king of Lycaonia and of the Galatians: and besides all these, he had all the aid the king of Medes sent unto him. Now for Cæsar, he had 250 ships of war, 80,000 footmen, and well near as many horsemen as his enemy Antonius. Antonius for his part had all under his dominion from Armenia and the river of Euphrates, unto the sea Ionium and Illyricum. Octavius Cæsar had also, for his part, all that which was in our hemisphere or half-part of the world, from Illyria unto the ocean sea upon the west: then all from the ocean unto *mare Siculum*: and from Africa, all that which is against Italy, as Gaul and Spain. Furthermore, all, from the province of Cyrenaia to Ethiopia, was subject unto Antonius. Now Antonius was made so subject to a woman's will, that though he was a great deal the stronger by land, yet for Cleopatra's sake he would needs have this battle tried by sea: though he saw before his eyes, that for lack of water-men his captains did prest¹ by force all sorts of men out of Greece that they could take up in the field, as travellers, muleteers, reapers, harvest-men, and young iii. 7. 32. boys; and yet could they not sufficiently furnish his galleys: so that the most part of them were empty, and could scant row, because they lacked water-men enough. But on the contrary side, Cæsar's ships were not built for pomp, high and great, only for a sight and bravery,² but they were light of yarage,³ armed and furnished with water-men as

¹ impress.

³ management. Cf. *yare* in iii. 7. 35, etc., below.

² show. Cf. *Ham.* p. 270.

many as they needed, and had them all in readiness in the havens of Tarentum and Brundusium. So Octavius Cæsar sent unto Antonius, to will him to delay no more time, but to come on with his army into Italy: and that for his own part he would give him safe harbour to land without any trouble; and that he would withdraw his army from the sea, as far as one horse could run, until he had put his army ashore, and had lodged his men. Antonius on the other side bravely sent him word again and challenged the combat of him, man for man, though he were the elder; and that if he refused him so, he would then fight a battle with him in the fields of Pharsalia, as Julius Cæsar and Pompey had done before. Now whilst Antonius rode at anchor, lying idly in harbour at the head of Actium, in the place where the city of Nicopolis standeth at this present, Cæsar had quickly passed the sea *Ionium*, and taken a place called Toryne, before Antonius understood that he had taken ship. . . .

"So when Antonius had determined to fight by sea, he set all the other ships on fire but three score ships of Egypt, and reserved only the best

iii. 7. 47. and greatest galleys, from three banks unto ten banks of oars. Into them he put two and twenty thousand fighting men, with two thousand darters and slingers. Now as he was setting his men in order of battle, there was a captain, a valiant man, that had served Antonius in many battles and conflicts, and had all his body hacked and cut: who, as Antonius passed by him, cried out unto him, and said: 'O noble emperor, how cometh it to pass that you trust to these vile brittle ships?' What, do you mistrust these wounds of mine, and this sword? Let the Egyptians and Phoenicians fight by sea, and set us on the main land, where we use to conquer or to be slain on our feet.' Antonius passed by him and said never a word, but only beckoned to him with his hand and head, as though he willed him to be of good courage, although indeed he had no great courage himself. . . .

"Howbeit the battle was yet of even hand, and the victory doubtful, being indifferent to both: when suddenly they saw the threescore ships of Cleopatra busily about their yard-masts, and hoising¹ sail to fly. So they

iii. 10. fled through the middest² of them that were in fight, for they had been placed behind the great ships, and did marvellously disorder the other ships. For the enemies themselves wondered much to see them sail in that sort, with full sail towards Peloponnesus. There Antonius shewed plainly, that he had not only lost the courage and heart of an emperor, but also of a valiant man; and that he was not his own man (proving that true which an old man spake in mirth, that the soul of a lover lived in another body, and not in his own); he was so carried away with the vain love of this woman, as if he had been glued unto her, and that she could not have removed without moving of him also. For when he saw Cleopatra's ship under sail, he forgot, forsook, and betrayed them that fought for him, embarked upon a galley with five banks of oars, to follow her that had already begun to overthrow him, and would in the end be his utter destruction. . . .

¹ hoisting. See *Rick.* III. p. 236.

² midst. The early eds. have *middest* in 2 *Heu.* VI. iv. 8. 64.

"Then Antonius sent unto Canidius, to return with his army into Asia by Macedon. Now for himself, he determined to cross over into Africa, and took one of his carects¹ or hulks laden² with gold and silver, and other rich carriage,³ and gave it unto his friends, commanding them to depart, and seek to save themselves. They answered him weeping, that they would neither do it, nor yet forsake him. Then Antonius very courteously and lovingly did comfort them, and prayed them to depart; and wrote unto Theophilus, governor of Corinth, that he would see them safe, and help to hide them in some secret place, until they had made their way and peace with Cæsar. . . .

"But now to return to Antonius again. Canidius himself came to bring him news, that he had lost all his army by land at Actium: on the other side he was advertised also, that Herodes king of Jurie, who had also certain legions and bands with him, was revolted unto Cæsar, and all the other kings in like manner: so that, saving those that were about him, he had none left him. All this notwithstanding did nothing trouble him: and it seemed that he was contented to forgo all his hope, and so to be rid of all his cares and troubles. Thereupon he left his solitary house he had built by the sea, which he called *Timoneon*, and Cleopatra received him into her royal palace. He was no sooner come thither, but he straight set all the city on rioting and banqueting again, and himself to liberality and gifts. He caused the son of Julius Cæsar and Cleopatra to be enrolled (according to the manner of the Romans) amongst the number of young men: and gave Antyllus, his eldest son he had by Fulvia, the man's gown, the which was a plain gown without gard⁴ or embrodierie, of purple. For these things, there was kept great feasting, banqueting and dancing in Alexandria many days together. . . .

"Cleopatra in the meantime was very careful⁵ in gathering all sorts of poisons together, to destroy men. Now to make proof of those poisons which made men die with least pain, she tried it upon condemned v. 2. 352. men in prison. For when she saw the poisons that were sudden and vehement, and brought speedy death with grievous torments; and in contrary manner, that such as were more mild and gentle had not that quick speed and force to make one die suddenly: she afterwards went about to prove⁶ the stinging of snakes and adders, and made some to be applied unto men in her sight, some in one sort, some in another. So when she had daily made divers and sundry proofs, she found none of them all she had proved so fit as the biting of an aspick, the which causeth only a heaviness of the head, without swooning or complaining, and bringeth a great desire also to sleep, with a little sweat in the face; and so by little and little taketh away the senses and vital powers, no living creature perceiving that the patients feel any pain. For they are so sorry when any body awaketh them and taketh them up, as those that be taken out of a sound sleep are very heavy and desirous to sleep.

"This notwithstanding, they sent ambassadors unto Octavius Cæsar in

¹ ships of burden. Cf. *C. of E.* p. 130, note on *Armadoes of caracks*.

² laden. S. uses *laden* interchangeably with *laden*. See *1 Hen. IV.* p. 140.

³ stores. Cf. *Temp.* v. 1. 3 and *M. W.* ii. 2. 179.

⁴ industrious.

⁵ edging. ⁶ test. Cf. *Cymb.* i. 5. 38, etc.

Asia, Cleopatra requesting the realm of Egypt for their children, and
 iii. 12. Antonius praying that he might be suffered to live at Athens
 like a private man, if Cæsar would not let him remain in Egypt. And because they had no other men of estimation about them, for that some were fled, and those that remained they did not greatly trust, they were enforced to send Euphronius, the schoolmaster of their children. For Alexas Laodicean, who was brought into Antonius' house and favour by means of Timagenes, and afterwards was in greater credit with him than any other Grecian (for that he had ever been one of Cleopatra's ministers to win Antonius, and to overthrow all his good determinations to use his wife Octavia well): him Antonius had sent unto Herodes king of Jurie, hoping still to keep him his friend, that he should not revolt from him. But he remained there, and betrayed Antonius. For where he should have kept Herodes from revolting from him, he persuaded him to turn to Cæsar: and trusting king Herodes, he presumed to come in Cæsar's presence. Howbeit Herodes did him no pleasure, for he was presently taken prisoner, and sent in chains to his own country, and there by Cæsar's commandment put to death. Thus was Alexas, in Antonius' life-time, put to death for betraying of him. Furthermore, Cæsar would not grant unto Antonius' requests: but for Cleopatra, he made her answer, that he would deny her nothing reasonable, so that she would either put Antonius to death, or drive him out of her country. Therewithal he sent Thyreus one of his men unto her, a very wise and discreet man: who bringing letters of credit from a young lord unto a noble lady, and that besides greatly liked her beauty,

iii. 13. might easily by his eloquence have persuaded her. He was longer in talk with her than any man else was, and the queen herself also did him great honour: insomuch as he made Antonius jealous of him. Whereupon Antonius caused him to be taken and well-favouredly¹ whipped, and so sent him unto Cæsar: and bad him tell him, that he made him angry with him, because he shewed himself proud and disdainful towards him; and now specially, when he was easy to be angered, by reason of his present misery. 'To be short, if this mislike thee,' said he, 'thou hast Hipparchus, one of my enfranchised bondmen, with thee: hang him if thou wilt, or whip him at thy pleasure, that we may cry quittance.' From henceforth Cleopatra, to clear herself of the suspicion he had of her, made more of him then ever she did. For first of all, where² she did solemnize the day of her birth very meanly and sparingly, fit for her present misfortune, she now in contrary manner did keep it with such solemnity, that she exceeded all measure of sumptuousness and magnificence: so that the guests that were bidden to the feasts, and came poor, went away rich. Now things passing thus, Agrippa by divers letters sent one after another unto Cæsar, prayed him to return to Rome, because the affairs there did of necessity require his person and presence. Thereupon he did defer the war till the next year following: but when winter was done, he returned again through Syria by the coast of Africa, to make wars against Antonius and his other captains. When

¹ soundly.

² whereas. See *Lear*, p. 179.

the city of Pelusium was taken, there ran a rumour in the city, that Seleucus (by Cleopatra's consent) had surrendered the same. But to clear herself that she did not, Cleopatra brought Seleucus' wife and children unto Antonius, to be revenged of them at his pleasure. Furthermore, Cleopatra had long before made many sumptuous tombs and monuments, as well for excellency of workmanship, as for height and greatness of building, joining hard to the temple of Isis. Thither she caused to be brought all the treasure and precious things she had of the ancient kings her predecessors: as gold, silver, emeralds, pearls, ebony, ivory, and cinnamon, and besides all that, a marvellous number of torches, faggots, and flax. So Octavius Cæsar, being afraid to lose such a treasure and mass of riches, and that this woman for spite would set it on fire and burn it every whit, he always sent some one or other unto her from him, to put her in good comfort, whilst he in the meantime drew near the city with his army. So Cæsar came and pitched his camp hard by the city, in the place where they run and manage their horses. Antonius made a sally upon him, and fought very valiantly, so that he drove

iv. 1. Cæsar's horsemen back, fighting with his men even into their camp. Then he came again to the palace, greatly boasting of this victory, and sweetly kissed Cleopatra, armed as he was when he came from the fight, recommending one of his men of arms unto her, that had valiantly fought in this skirmish. Cleopatra, to reward his manliness, gave him an armour and headpiece of clean¹ gold: howbeit the man-at-arms, when he had received this rich gift, stole away by night and went to Cæsar. Antonius sent again to challenge Cæsar to fight with him hand to hand. Cæsar answered him, 'That he had many other ways to die than so.' Then Antonius, seeing there was no way more honourable for him to die than fighting valiantly, he determined to set up his rest,² both by sea and land. So being at supper (as it is reported) he commanded his officers and household servants that waited

iv. 2. on him at his board, that they should fill his cups full, and make as much of him as they could: 'For,' said he, 'you know not whether you shall do so much for me to-morrow or not, or whether you shall serve another master: and it may be you shall see me no more, but a dead body.' This notwithstanding, perceiving that his friends and men fell a-weeping to hear him say so, to salve that he had spoken, he added this more unto it, 'that he would not lead them to battle, where he thought not rather safely to return with victory, than valiantly to die with honour.' Furthermore, the self-same night, within a little of midnight, when all the city was quiet, full of fear and sorrow, thinking what would be the issue and end of this war, it is said that suddenly they

iv. 3. heard a marvellous sweet harmony of sundry sorts of instruments of music, with the cry of a multitude of people, as they had been dancing, and had sung as they use in Bacchus' feasts, with movings and turnings after the manner of the Satyrs: and it seemed, that this dance went through the city unto the gate that opened to the enemies, and that all the troupe, that made this noise they heard, went

¹ pure.

² make a stand. See *M. of V.* p. 139, or *R. and J.* p. 215.

out of the city at that gate. Now such as in reason sought the depth of the interpretation of this wonder, thought that it was the god unto whom Antonius bare singular devotion to counterfeit and resemble him, that did forsake them. The next morning by break of day, he went to set those few footmen he had in order upon the hills adjoining unto the city :

iv. 10. and there he stood to behold his galleys which departed from the haven, and rowed against the galleys of the enemies, and so stood still, looking what exploits his soldiers in them would do. But when by force of rowing they were come near unto them, they first saluted Cæsar's men ; and then Cæsar's men resaluted them also, and of two armies made but one : and then did all together row toward the city.

" When Antonius saw that his men did forsake him, and yielded unto Cæsar, and that his footmen were broken and overthrown, he then fled into the city, crying out that Cleopatra had betrayed him unto them with whom he had made war for her sake. Then she, being afraid of his fury, fled into the tomb which he had caused to be made, and there she locked

iv. 13. the doors unto her, and shut all the springs of the locks with great bolts, and in the meantime sent unto Antonius to tell him that she was dead. Antonius believing it, said unto himself : ' What doest thou look for further, Antonius, sith' spitesful fortune hath taken from thee the only joy thou hadst, for whom thou yet reservedst thy life ? ' When he had said these words, he went into a chamber and unarmed himself, and being naked,² said thus : ' O Cleopatra, it grieveth me not that I have lost thy company, for I will not be long from thee : but I am sorry that, having been so great a captain and emperor, I am indeed condemned to be judged of less courage and noble mind than a woman.' Now he had a man of his called Eros, whom he loved and trusted much, and whom he had long before caused to swear unto him,

that he should kill him when he did command him : and then he iv. 14. willed him to keep his promise. His man, drawing his sword, lift³ it up as though he had meant to have stricken his master : but turning his head at one side, he thrust his sword into himself, and fell down dead at his master's foot. Then said Antonius : ' O noble Eros, I thank thee for this, and it is valiantly done of thee, to shew me what I should do to myself, which thou couldest not do for me.' Therewithal he took his sword, and thrust it into his belly, and so fell down upon a little bed. The wound he had killed him not presently,⁴ for the blood stinted⁵ a little when he was laid : and when he came somewhat to himself again, he prayed them that were about him to despatch him. But they all fled out of the chamber, and left him crying out, tormenting himself : until at last there came a secretary unto him (called Diomedes) who was commanded to bring him into the tomb or monument where Cleopatra was. When he heard that she was alive, he very earnestly prayed his men to carry his body thither, and so he was carried in his men's arms into the entry of the monument. Notwithstanding, Cleopatra would not open the gates,

¹ since. See *Ham.* p. 201, or *Gr.* 132.

² lifted. Cf. *Cor.* p. 192, foot-note.

³ ceased.

² without arms. Cf. *Oth.* v. 2. 258, etc.

⁴ at once.

but came to the high windows, and cast out certain chains and ropes, in
 iv. 15. the which Antonius was trussed¹: and Cleopatra her own self,
 with two women only, which she had suffered to come with her
 into these monuments, trised² Antonius up. They that were present to
 behold it said they never saw so pitiful a sight. For they plucked up poor
 Antonius, all bloody as he was, and drawing on with pangs of death: who
 holding up his hands to Cleopatra, raised up himself as well as he could.
 It was a hard thing for these women to do, to lift him up: but Cleopatra,
 stooping down with her head, putting to all her strength to her utter-
 most power, did lift him up with much ado, and never let go her hold,
 with the help of the women beneath that had her be of good courage, and
 were as sorry to see her labour so as she herself. So when she had gotten
 him in after that sort, and laid him on a bed, she rent her garments
 upon him, clapping her breast, and scratching her face and stomach.
 Then she dried up his blood that had bewrayed³ his face, and called him
 her lord, her husband, and emperor, forgetting her own misery and calamity
 for the pity and compassion she took of him. Antonius made her
 cease her lamenting, and called for wine, either because he was athirst,
 or else for that he thought thereby to hasten his death. When he had
 drunk, he earnestly prayed her, and persuaded her, that she would seek
 to save her life, if she could possible, without reproach and dishonour:
 and that chiefly she should trust Proculeius above any man else about
 Cæsar. And as for himself, that she should not lament nor sorrow for
 the miserable change of his fortune at the end of his days: but rather
 that she should think him the more fortunate, for the former triumphs
 and honours he had received; considering that while he lived, he was the
 noblest and greatest prince of the world; and that now he was over-
 come, not cowardly, but valiantly, a Roman by another Roman.

v. 1. As Antonius gave the last gasp, Proculeius came that was sent
 from Cæsar. For after Antonius had thrust his sword in himself, as they
 carried him into the tombs and monuments of Cleopatra, one of his
 guard (called Dercetaeus) took his sword with which he had stricken
 himself, and hid it: then he secretly stole away, and brought Octavius
 Cæsar the first news of his death, and shewed him his sword that was
 bloodied. Cæsar hearing this news, straight withdrew himself into a
 secret place of his tent, and there burst out with tears, lamenting his hard
 and miserable fortune, that had been his friend and brother-in-law, his
 equal in the empire, and companion with him in sundry great exploits
 and battles. Then he called for all his friends and shewed them the letters
 Antonius had written to him, and his answers also sent him again,
 during their quarrel and strife: and how fiercely and proudly the other
 answered him, to all just and reasonable matters he wrote unto him.

“ After this, he sent Proculeius, and commanded him to do what he
 could possible to get Cleopatra alive, fearing lest otherwise all the
 treasure would be lost: and furthermore, he thought that if he could

¹ wound.

² drew.

³ bewrayed, disfigured. Cf. *rayed* in *T. of S.* iii. 2. 54 and iv. 1. 3; and see our ed.
 p. 150.

take Cleopatra, and bring her alive to Rome, she would marvellously
 v. 2. beautify and set out his triumph. But Cleopatra would never
 put herself into Proculeius' hands, although they spake together.
 For Proculeius came to the gates that were thick and strong, and surely
 barred, but yet there were some craneves¹ through the which her voice
 might be heard; and so they without understood, that Cleopatra de-
 manded the kingdom of Egypt for her sons: and that Proculeius an-
 swered her that she should be of good cheer, and not be afraid to refer
 all unto Cæsar. After he had viewed the place very well, he came and
 reported her answer unto Cæsar: who immediately sent Gallus to speak
 once again with her, and bad him purposely hold her in talk, whilst Pro-
 culeius did set up a ladder against that high window by the which An-
 tonius was trised² up, and came down into the monument with two of his
 men, hard by the gate where Cleopatra stood to hear what Gallus said
 unto her. One of her women which was shut up in her monuments with
 her, saw Proculeius by chance as he came down, and skreeched³ out: 'O
 poor Cleopatra, thou art taken.' Then when she saw Proculeius behind
 her as she came from the gate, she thought to have stabbed herself in
 with a short dagger she wore of purpose by her side. But Proculeius
 came suddenly upon her, and taking her by both the hands, said unto her:
 'Cleopatra, first thou shalt do thyself great wrong, and secondly unto
 Cæsar, to deprive him of the occasion and opportunity openly to shew
 his bounty and mercy, and to give his enemies cause to accuse the most
 courteous and noble prince that ever was, and to impeach⁴ him, as
 though he were a cruel and merciless man, that were not to be trusted.'
 So even as he spake the word, he took her dagger from her, and shook
 her clothes for fear of any poison hidden about her. . . .

"Shortly after, Cæsar came himself in person to see her, and to comfort
 her. Cleopatra, being laid upon a little low bed in poor estate (when she
 v. 2. 111. saw Cæsar come into her chamber), suddenly rose up, naked in
 her smock, and fell down at his feet marvellously disfigured: both for that she had plucked her hair from her head, as also for that she had martyred all her face with her nails; and besides, her voice was small and trembling, her eyes sunk into her head with continual blubbering⁵; and moreover, they might see the most part of her stomach torn in sun-
 der. To be short, her body was not much better than her mind: yet her good grace and comeliness and the force of her beauty was not altogether defaced. But notwithstanding this ugly and pitiful state of hers, yet she shewed herself within, by her outward looks and countenance. When Cæsar had made her lie down again, and sat by her bedside, Cleopatra began to clear and excuse herself for that she had done, laying all to the fear she had of Antonius: Cæsar, in contrary manner, reproved her in every point. Then she suddenly altered her speech, and prayed him to
 v. 2. 140 pardon her, as though she were afraid to die, and desirous to
 fol. live. At length, she gave him a brief and memorial of all the ready money and treasure she had. But by chance there stood

¹ crannie.² drawn. See p. 164 above.³ shrieked.⁴ impeach, accuse. See *Rich. II.* p. 212.⁵ crying. Cf. *F*³ 87.

one Seleucus by, one of her treasurers, who, to seem a good servant, came straight to Cæsar to disprove Cleopatra, that she had not set in all, but kept many things back of purpose. Cleopatra was in such a rage with him, that she flew upon him, and took him by the hair of the head, and boxed him well-favouredly¹. Cæsar fell a-laughing and parted the fray. ‘Alas,’ said she, ‘O Cæsar: is not this a great shame and reproach, that thou having vouchsafed to take the pains to come unto me, and done me this honour, poor wretch and caitiff² creature, brought into this pitiful and miserable state: and that mine own servants should come now to accuse me? though it may be I have reserved some jewels and trifles meet for women, but not for me (poor soul) to set out myself withal, but meaning to give some pretty presents and gifts unto Octavia and Livia, that they, making means and intercession for me to thee, thou mightest yet extend thy favour and mercy upon me.’ Cæsar was glad to hear her say so, persuading himself thereby that she had yet a desire to save her life. So he made her answer, that he did not only give her that to dispose of at her pleasure which she had kept back, but further promised to use her more honourably and bountifully than she would think for: and so he took his leave of her, supposing he had deceived her, but indeed he was deceived himself. There was a young gentleman, Cornelius Dolabella, that was one of Cæsar’s very great familiars, and besides did bear no ill will unto Cleopatra. He sent her word secretly (as she v. 2. ¹⁹⁷ had requested him) that Cæsar determined to take his journey fol through Syria, and that within three days he would send her away before with her children. When this was told Cleopatra, she requested Cæsar that it would please him to suffer her to offer the last oblations of the dead unto the soul of Antonius. This being granted her, she was carried to the place where his tomb was, and there falling down on her knees, embracing the tomb with her women, the tears running down her cheeks, she began to speak in this sort: ‘O my dear lord Antonius, it is not long sithence³ I buried thee here, being a free woman: and now I offer unto thee the funeral sprinklings and oblations, being a captive and prisoner; and yet I am forbidden and kept from tearing and murdering this captive body of mine with blows, which they carefully guard and keep only to triumph of thee: look therefore henceforth for no other honours, offerings, nor sacrifices from me: for these are the last which Cleopatra can give thee, sith now they carry her away. Whilst we lived together, nothing could sever our companies: but now, at our death, I fear me they will make us change our countries. For as thou, being a Roman, hast been buried in Egypt: even so, wretched creature, I, an Egyptian, shall be buried in Italy, which shall be all the good that I have received by thy country. If therefore the gods where thou art now have any power and authority, sith our gods here have forsaken us, suffer not thy true friend and lover to be carried away alive, that in me they triumph of thee: but receive me with thee, and let me be buried in one self⁴ tomb with thee. For though my griefs and miseries be infinite, yet

¹ beat him soundly. Cf. p. 161 above.

² since. See *Cor.* p. 236. For *sith* just below, see p. 163 above.

³ same. See *C. of E.* p. 143, or *Gr.* 20.

⁴ wretched. See *Oth.* p. 197.

none hath grieved me more, nor that I could less bear withal, than this small time which I have been driven to live alone without thee.'

"Then having ended these doleful plaints, and crowned the tomb with garlands and sundry nosegays, and marvellous lovingly embraced the same, she commanded they should prepare her bath; and when she had bathed and washed herself, she fell to her meat, and was sumptuously served. Now whilst she was at dinner, there came a country-
v. 2. 241. man and brought her a basket. The soldiers that warded¹ at the gates, asked him straight what he had in his basket. He opened his basket, and took out the leaves that covered the figs, and shewed them that they were figs he brought. They all of them marvelled to see so goodly figs. The countryman laughed to hear them, and bade them take some if they would. They believed he told them truly, and so bade him carry them in. After Cleopatra had dined, she sent a certain table² written and sealed unto Cæsar, and commanded them all to go out of the tombs where she was, but the two women; then she shut the doors to her. Cæsar, when he had received this table, and began to read her lamentation and petition, requesting him that he would let her be buried with Antonius, found straight what she meant, and thought to have gone thither himself: howbeit, he sent one before in all haste that might be, to see what it was. Her death was very sudden: for those whom Cæsar sent unto her ran thither in all haste possible, and found the soldiers standing at the gate, mistrusting nothing, nor understanding of her death. But when they had opened the doors, they found Cleopatra stark-dead, laid upon a bed of gold, attired and arrayed in her royal robes, and one of her two women, which was called Iras, dead at her feet: and her other woman (called Charmion) half dead, and trembling, trimming the diadem
v. 2. 324. which Cleopatra wore upon her head. One of the soldiers see-

ing her, angrily said unto her: 'Is that well done, Charmion?' 'Very well,' said she again, 'and meet for a princess descended from the race of so many noble kings:' she said no more, but fell down dead hard by the bed. Some report that this aspick was brought unto her in the basket with figs, and that she had commanded them to hide it under the fig-leaves, that when she should think to take out the figs, the aspick should bite her before she should see her: howbeit, that when she would have taken away the leaves for the figs, she perceived it, and said, 'Art thou here, then?' And so, her arm being naked, she put it to the aspick to be bitten. Others say again, she kept it in a box, and that she did prick and thrust it with a spindle of gold, so that the aspick, being angered withal, leapt out with great fury, and bit her in the arm. Howbeit few can tell the troth³. For they report also, that she had hidden poison in a hollow razor which she carried in the hair of her head; and yet was there no mark seen on her body, or any sign discerned that she was poisoned, neither also did they find this serpent in her tomb: but it was reported only, that there was seen certain fresh steps or tracks where it had gone, on the tomb-side toward the sea, and specially by the door-side. Some say also that they found two little pretty⁴ bitings in her arm, scant

¹ watched.

² truth. See p. 156 above.

² tablet, letter. See *Cymb.* p. 189.

⁴ minute. Cf. v. 2. 243 below.

to be discerned : the which it seemeth Cæsar himself gave credit unto, because in his triumph he carried Cleopatra's image, with an aspick biting of her arm. And thus goeth the report of her death. Now Cæsar, though he was marvellous sorry for the death of Cleopatra, yet he wondered at her noble mind and courage, and therefore commanded she should be nobly buried, and laid by Antonius : and willed also that her two women should have honourable burial."

ACT I.

SCENE I.—I. *General's.* The 1st folio has "generals," the later folios "general" or "general." Cf. *K. John*, ii. 1. 65: "a bastard of the king's deceas'd," etc. See also i. 2. 166 below.

4. *Plated.* Cf. *Rich. II.* i. 3. 28: "Thus plated in habiliments of war."

5. *Office.* "Dedicated service" (Clarke).

8. *Reneges.* Denies, disclaims ; as in *Lear*, ii. 2. 84 : "Reneg, affirm," etc. See our ed. p. 203. Coleridge would spell the word "reneagues," as it was pronounced. The quartos of *Lear* have "Reneag," and W. reads "reneags" here.

10. *To cool.* Johnson, not seeing that the *bellows* and the *fan* were both meant to *cool*, would read "To kindle and to cool a gypsy's lust." Malone quotes Spenser, *F. Q.* ii. 9. 30 :

"An huge great payre of bellowes, which did styre
Continually, and cooling breath inspyre."

For the contemptuous use of *gypsy*, cf. *R. and J.* ii. 4. 44: "Dido a dowdy ; Cleopatra a gypsy." See also iv. 12. 28 below.

12. *Triple.* Third ; as one of the triumvirate. Cf. *A. W.* ii. 1. 111 :

"Which, as the dearest issue of his practice,
And of his old experience the only darling,
He bade me store up, as a triple eye,
Safer than mine own two, more dear."

15. *There's beggary*, etc. Cf. *R. and J.* ii. 6. 32 : "They are but beggars who can count their worth." Steevens quotes Martial, vi. 36 : "Basia pauca cupid, qui numerare potest ;" and Ovid, *Met.* xiii. : "Pauperis est numerare pecus," which Golding translates : "Tush ! beggars of their cattel use the numbers for to know."

17. *Then must thou needs*, etc. "Thou must set the boundary of my love at a greater distance than the present visible universe affords" (Johnson).

18. *Grates me ; the sum.* It grates upon my ear, it vexes me ; so be brief. The 2d folio has "Rate me, the summe ;" and Rowe reads "Rate me the sum." Pope has "It grates me. Tell the sum."

19. *Them.* Changed by Pope to "it ;" but S. makes *news* both singular and plural. Cf. iii. 7. 51 below : "The news is true." See *Much Ado*, p. 125, or *Rich. II.* p. 198 (note on *Odds*).

23. *Take in.* Take, subdue; as in *Cor.* i. 2. 24: "To take in many towns," etc. See our ed. p. 203.

28. *Process.* Summons; the legal sense of the word. Malone quotes Minsheu, *Dict.* 1617: "The writings of our common lawyers sometimes call that the *processe*, by which a man is called into the court and no more."

31. *Homager.* Vassal; the only instance of the word in S. Pope omits *else*.

34. *Rang'd.* Well ordered. Cf. *Cor.* iii. 1. 206:

"To bring the roof to the foundation,
And bury all, which yet distinctly ranges,
In heaps and piles of ruin."

Rowe changes *rang'd* to "rais'd."

35. *Our dungy earth.* Cf. *W. T.* ii. 1. 157: "the whole dungy earth."

39. *To weet.* To wit, to know. Elsewhere in the early eds. the spelling is "wit;" as in *M. of V.* ii. 9. 90, *A. Y. L.* v. 1. 57, etc.

43. *But stirr'd by Cleopatra.* But influenced or inspired by Cleopatra. Johnson made *but*="except," and Mason="if but."

44. *Love.* The goddess of love, or Venus. Cf. *C. of E.* iii. 2. 52: "Let Love, being light, be drowned if she sink;" and see our ed. p. 128.

45. *Confound.* Consume, spend; as in i. 4. 28 below. Cf. *Cor.* i. 6. 17: "How couldst thou in a mile confound an hour?" See also 1 *Hen.* IV. p. 152.

50. *Whose.* The 1st folio has "who;" corrected in the 2d. For *fully* the Coll. MS. gives "fitly."

53. *We'll wander through the streets.* Cf. extract from North, p. 152 above.

60. *That he approves*, etc. "That he proves the common liar, fame, in his case to be a true reporter" (Malone). Cf. *M. of V.* iii. 2. 79: "approve it with a text," etc.

61. *Hope of.* Cf. *M. for M.* iii. 1. 1: "So then you hope of pardon from Lord Angelo?" etc.

SCENE II.—The stage-direction in the folio is "Enter *Enobarbus*, *Lamprius*, a *Southsayer*, *Rannius*, *Lucilius*, *Charmian*, *Iras*, *Mardian* the *Eunuch*, and *Alexas*," but Lamprius, Rannius, and Lucilius take no part in the dialogue. Perhaps, as Steevens suggests, they may have been in it as it was first written by S. and their names were accidentally left here after their speeches had been struck out. Cf. *Much Ado*, p. 117, note on stage-direction.

Lamprius, or *Lampryas*, is mentioned by Plutarch. See p. 151 above.

4. *Charge.* The folios have "change;" corrected by Theo. (the conjecture of Warb. and found also in the Southern MS.). Clarke thinks it "just possible" that the old reading may be right, and that the meaning may be: "this husband who, you say, is to bring his future horns in exchange for our present garlands." For *change*=exchange, see 1 *Hen.* IV. p. 152, note on *Changing hardiment*. Some make *change*="vary, give a different appearance to."

8. *Is 't you, sir, that know things?* "Admirably contrasted is the

waiting-woman's obtuseness in this form of question with the simple loftiness of the soothsayer's reply; the blundering generalization of commonplace with the large all-embracing amplitude of research into Nature's wonders; the prosaic vagueness and the poetic vagueness" (Clarke).

23. *Heat my liver.* Cf. *M. of V.* i. 1. 81: "And let my liver rather heat with wine," etc. For the liver as the seat of love, cf. *A. Y. L.* p. 179.

27. *Herod.* Cf. iii. 3. 3, iii. 6. 73, and iv. 6. 14 below. As Steevens notes, Herod was a familiar character in the mysteries of the early stage, on which he was represented as "a fierce, haughty, blustering tyrant." Cf. *Ham.* iii. 2. 16: "it out-herods Herod;" and see our ed. p. 221. Charmian's wish is therefore "for a son who may arrive at such power and dominion that the proudest and fiercest monarchs of the earth may be brought under his yoke."

31. *I love long life better than figs.* A proverbial expression (Steevens).

34. *Belike.* It is likely, I suppose. Johnson explains the speech thus: "If I have already had the best of my fortune, then I suppose I shall never name children, that is, I am never to be married. However, tell me the truth, tell me, 'how many boys and wenches?' " Cf. *T. G. of V.* iii. 1. 321.

36. *Fertile.* The folios have "foretell" or "foretel;" corrected by Theo. (the conjecture of Warb.). The Coll. MS. has "fruitful."

37. *I forgive thee for a witch.* Alluding, as Steevens notes, to the proverb, "You 'll never be burnt for a witch."

47. *An oily palm*, etc. Malone compares *Oth.* iii. 4. 36:

"This hand is moist, my lady.

* * * * *

This argues fruitfulness and liberal heart."

49. *Worky-day.* Ordinary, common. Cf. *A. Y. L.* i. 3. 12: "this working-day world."

57. *Alexas,—come*, etc. In the folio this is printed as if it were the speech of Alexas:

"*Alexas.* Come, his Fortune," etc.

Theo. was the first to suggest the correction, which is required by the sense, and is, moreover, confirmed (though we are not aware that this has been noted) by the fact that elsewhere the prefix to the speeches of Alexas is the abbreviation "*Alex.*" In the folio the proper names *in the text* are generally in italics, and this one was somehow mistaken for the prefix to a speech.

62. *Hear me this prayer.* Cf. v. 1. 51 below: "We 'll hear him what he says," etc.

74. *Saw.* The 1st folio has "Sae" (Save); corrected in the 2d.

86. *Jointing.* Joining; used by S. only here and in *Cymb.* v. 4. 142 and v. 5. 440.

88. *Drave.* For the form, cf. *T. and C.* iii. 3. 190, *R. and J.* i. 1. 127, etc. *Drove* is the more common form of the past tense in S. For the participle he has *driven*, except in iv. 7. 5 below (*droven*) and 2 *Hen. VI.* iii.

2. 84 (*drove*, which Schmidt thinks may be the past tense). Gr. 343, 344. For *drave*, cf. *Josh.* xvi. 10, xxiv. 12, etc.

93. *As*. As if. Cf. iv. 1. 1 below. Gr. 107.

95. *Extended*. Seized upon; a legal use of the word. Cf. *extent* = *seizure*, in *A. Y. L.* iii. 1. 17, and see our ed. p. 169. Steevens quotes Massinger, *New Way to Pay Old Debts*: "This manor is extended to my use."

Euphrates (the only instance of the word in S.) is accented on the first syllable, as by other writers of the time. Steevens quotes Drayton, *Polyolbion*, 21: "That gliding go in state, like swelling Euphrates." Cf. *Cymb.* p. 166, note on *Posthumus*.

99. *Home*. Without reserve or "mincing." Cf. *Oth.* ii. 1. 166: "He speaks home," etc. See our ed. p. 174.

104. *Minds*. The folios have "windes" or "winds;" corrected by Hanmer, at the suggestion of Warb. Clarke (like K. and St.) retains "winds," as "a figurative image for the brisk, wholesomely searching winds that make the earth duly fruitful instead of letting it lie stagnant and overgrown with idle weeds; as well as for the wholesomely rough breath of public censure and private candour which prevent the growth of moral weeds, and allow good fruits to spring up." Coll. also reads "winds," but takes it to be used in the provincial sense of "two furrows ploughed by the horses going to one end of the field and back again."

105. *Earing*. Tilling, ploughing. Cf. *A. W.* i. 3. 47: "He that ears my land spares my team," etc. See also i. 2. 105 below; and cf. *Deut.* xxi. 4, *Isa.* xxx. 24, etc.

Warb. paraphrases the passage thus: "While the active principle within us lies immersed in sloth and luxury, we bring forth yices instead of virtues, weeds instead of flowers and fruits; but the laying before us our ill condition plainly and honestly, is, as it were, the first culture of the mind, which gives hope of a future harvest."

107. *Sicyon*. Spelt "Scicion" in the folio, as elsewhere.

109. *Stays upon your will*. Cf. *Mach.* i. 3. 148: "we stay upon your leisure;" *Ham.* iii. 2. 112: "they stay upon your patience," etc.

117. *Contempt doth*. The 1st folio has "contempts doth," the 2d "contempts do;" but it is more likely that *contempt* was misprinted *contempts* than that *do* was made *doth*. Possibly S. wrote "contempts doth." Cf. *R. and J.* p. 140, or Gr. 334.

119. *By revolution lowering*. Johnson sees an allusion to "the sun's diurnal course;" but it seems to be rather to the turning of a wheel, probably suggested by the familiar "wheel of Fortune." Cf. iv. 15. 44 below. Steevens paraphrases it thus: "The pleasure of to-day, by revolution of events and change of circumstances, often loses all its value to us, and becomes to-morrow a pain." The Coll. MS. has "by repetition souring."

121. *Could*. Could willingly, would fain.

122. *Enchanting*. Omitted in the 2d and later folios. Rowe reads "Egyptian."

124. *Ho! Enobarbus!* Capell's emendation of the "How now Eno-

barbus,” of the folio. *Ho* is often printed “how” in the early eds., and the “now” was probably inserted by accident.

131. *A compelling occasion.* The folios have “a compelling an occasion,” corrected by Rowe.

135. *Upon far poorer moment.* “For less reason; upon meaner motives” (Johnson).

141. *Call her winds and waters sighs and tears.* Malone was at first inclined to read “call her sighs and tears winds and waters,” but finally decided that the text is as S. wrote it. He compares *Hen. VIII. v. 1. 107*: “To make your house our Tower;” but the present passage does not seem to us a transposition like that. Enobarbus means just what he says, and there is a humour in it which Malone appears to have missed.

155. *When it pleaseth*, etc. “When the deities are pleased to take a man’s wife from him, this act of theirs makes them appear to man like the tailors of the earth: affording this comfortable reflection, that the deities have made other women to supply the place of his former wife; as the tailor, when one robe is worn out, supplies him with another” (Malone). Johnson wished to read “shows to men.” Hanmer has “they show to man.”

161. *The tears live in an onion*, etc. Cf. *onion-eyed* in iv. 2. 35 below; and see *T. of S.* p. 128.

166. *Cleopatra’s.* Changed by Hanmer to “Cleopatra.” Cf. i. 1. 1 above.

167. *Your abode.* Your abiding or remaining here. Cf. *Cymb.* i. 6. 53:

“Beseech you, sir, desire
My man’s abode where I did leave him;”

that is, ask him to stay there.

170. *Expedience.* Expedition; as in i *Hen. IV. i. 1. 33*: “In forwarding this dear expedience.” Elsewhere it is=haste; as in *Rick. II. ii. 1. 287* and *Hen. V. iv. 3. 70*.

171. *Part.* Depart; as often. See *M. of V.* p. 145. The folios have “love” for *leave*, which is Pope’s correction. K. and Clarke retain “love,” making the expression=“win her love to let us depart, prevail upon her love to endure parting.”

172. *More urgent touches.* “Things that touch me more sensibly, more pressing motives” (Johnson). Cf. *Cymb.* i. 1. 135:

“a touch more rare
Subdues all pangs, all fears.”

174. *Many our contriving friends.* “Many friends who are busy in our interests” (Schmidt). For the order, cf. *T. of A.* iii. 6. 11: “many my near occasions.”

175. *Petition us at home.* Are calling for our presence at home.

176. *Dare.* Defiance; again used as a noun (=daring, boldness) in i *Hen. IV. iv. 1. 78*: “A larger dare to our great enterprise.”

179. *To throw*, etc. That is, to transfer his name and honours to his son.

183. *Quality*. Disposition, character. Cf. i. 1. 54 above.

184. *The sides o' the world*. The expression occurs again in *Cymb.* iii. 1. 51. *Danger* is not elsewhere used by S. as a verb.

185. *The courser's hair*. Alluding to the old notion, still current in some places among children and the illiterate, that a horse-hair put into water will turn into a worm or snake.

187. *Such whose*. For the relative after *such*, cf. i. 4. 28 below. Gr. 279. For *place* is the 1st folio has "places;" corrected in the 2d.

SCENE III.—1. *I did not see him since*. Cf. *Hen. V.* iv. 7. 58: "I was not angry since I came to France," etc. Gr. 347 (cf. 132).

3. *I did not send you*. "You must go as if you came without my order or knowledge" (Johnson). Cf. *T. and C.* iv. 2. 72:

"I will go meet them; and, my lord Æneas,
We met by chance, you did not find me here."

8. *I do not*. For the ellipsis of the relative, see Gr. 244.

10. *The way to lose him*. That is, *it is* the way. The Coll. MS. points the line thus: "Thou teachest, like a fool, the way to lose him."

11. *I wish*. Apparently used like "I pray," etc. Nicholson conjectures "the wish" or "your wish."

16. *The sides of nature*, etc. Steevens quotes *T. N.* ii. 4. 96:

"There is no woman's sides
Can bide the beating of so strong a passion."

28. *Though you in swearing*, etc. Cf. *T. of A.* iv. 3. 137:

"Although, I know, you 'll swear, terribly swear,
Into strong shudders and to heavenly argues
The immortal gods that hear you."

32. *Colour*. Pretext; as in *Hen. VIII.* i. 1. 178:

"Under pretence to see the queen his aunt—
For 't was indeed his colour," etc.

35. *Eternity was in our lips*, etc. "Cleopatra tauntingly says this as if it were a repetition of what Antony had formerly said of her" (Clarke).

36. *In our brows' bent*. Steevens quotes *K. John*, iv. 2. 90: "Why do you bend such solemn brows on me?"

37. *Was a race of heaven*. Was of heavenly origin. Warb. makes it = "had a smack or flavour of heaven," and Johnson accepts that explanation. Hanmer changes *race* to "ray."

44. *In use*. In trust; a legal term. Cf. *M. of V.* iv. 1. 383:

"I am content, so he will let me have
The other half in use, to render it,
Upon his death, unto the gentleman
That lately stole his daughter."

46. *Port*. Some make this = gate, as in iv. 4. 23 below; but, as Pompey was approaching by sea, the reference is more probably to Ostia, the harbour of Rome. If it had the other meaning we should expect the plural, as in *Cor. v.* 6. 6.

48. *Breed*. Changed by Pope to "Breeds;" but it is probably an instance of "confusion of proximity" (Gr. 412).

49. *Condemn'd*. Accented on the first syllable, probably because coming before the noun. See *Cor.* p. 255 (on *Divine*) and p. 268 (on *Supreme*).

51. *Thriv'd*. The only instance of the participle in S. We find the past tense *thriv'd* in *Per.* v. 2. 9.

53. *Would purge*. Would be cured. Cf. the transitive use in *W. T.* iv. 4. 790, *Rich.* II. i. 1, 153, *Macb.* v. 3. 52, etc.

54. *Particular*. Private concern. For the use of *more*, cf. *K. John*, ii. 1. 34: "a more requital," etc. Gr. 17.

55. *Safe*. Render safe; used as a verb by S. only here and in iv. 6. 26 below. Theo. changed it here to "salve."

58. *It does from childishness*. That is, as Ritson explains, from being so childish as to believe you. She does not believe at first that Fulvia is really dead. Malone explains it: "I am not so childish as to have apprehensions from a rival that is no more;" which seems to us a very childish interpretation. The reply of Antony clearly favours the other.

61. *Garboils*. Disturbances, turmoils, "tantrums" (W.). The only other instance of the word in S. is ii. 2. 67 below. Steevens quotes Stanyhurst, *Aeneid*, 1582: "Now manhood and garboils I chaunt and martial horror."

At the last, best. This has been variously interpreted, but probably refers to the last part of the letter, or that giving the good news of Fulvia's death. This explanation is confirmed by Cleopatra's reply. Steevens calls it a "conjugal tribute to the memory of Fulvia," and compares Malcolm's eulogium on the thane of Cawdor, *Macb.* i. 4-7:

"nothing in his life
Became him like the leaving of it."

Boswell says: "Surely it means her death was the best thing I have known of her, as it checked her *garboils*." St. takes *best* to be vocative = "my best one."

63. *Vials*. Alluding to the lachrymatory vials, or bottles of tears, which the Romans sometimes put into the urn of a friend" (Johnson).

68. *The fire*, etc. That is, the sun. Steevens, to fill out the measure, reads "Now by the fire." Cf. Gr. 508.

71. *Affect'st*. Pleasest, likest. The 1st folio has "affects;" a not uncommon contraction of such forms. See Gr. 340.

73. *So Antony loves*. Steevens, Clarke, and some other editors make this = *thus* (that is, in this uncertain, fickle way) Antony loves; but we think that *so* is = *if*: I am quickly ill,—and as quickly well again if Antony only loves me. For *so*, cf. ii. 5. 94 below. Gr. 133. The reply of Antony is consistent with either interpretation.

74. *Evidence*. The Coll. MS. has "credence," which W. adopts. *Give true evidence* = bear true testimony.

78. *Good now*. Not uncommon in this vocative construction. See *C. of E.* p. 140. For *Egypt* = queen of Egypt, cf. 41 above, and i. 5. 34, iii. II. 51, 56, etc., below.

81. *Meetly.* Well ; the only instance of the word in S.

84. *Herculean.* "Antony traced his descent from Anton, a son of Hercules" (Steevens). Cf. iv. 12. 44 below.

85. *The carriage of his chafe.* His *chafed* or angry bearing. The noun *chafe* is used by S. only here ; but cf. the verb in *Cor.* iii. 3. 27, *Hen. VIII.* i. 1. 123, iii. 2. 206, etc. See also *J. C.* p. 131. St. changes *chafe* to "chief" (that is, Hercules). For *carriage*, see *Much Ado*, p. 127.

90. *O, my oblivion is a very Antony*, etc., "O, this oblivious memory of mine is as false and treacherous as Antony is, and I forget every thing" (Steevens). For *oblivion*=forgetfulness in this subjective sense, cf. *Ham.* iv. 4. 40 : "Bestial oblivion," etc.

For *forgotten*, see Gr. 374, and cf. our use of *mistaken*. Here there is probably a play upon the double sense of the word.

91. *But that your royalty*, etc. But that your sovereignty can make frivolousness subservient to your purpose, I should take you for frivolousness itself. Warb. explained it : "But that your charms hold me, who am the *greatest* fool on earth, in chains, I should have adjudged you to be the greatest ;" and Steevens thus : "But that your queenship chooses idleness for the subject of your conversation, I should take you for idleness itself ;" but he suggested that it might mean, "But that I know you to be a queen, and that your royalty holds idleness in subjection to you, exalting you far above its influence, I should suppose you to be the *very* genius of idleness itself." Warb. considered that Cleopatra's reply favoured his interpretation (taking *idleness* to refer to Antony, as he had used it) ; but it may be better explained by ours, which is essentially the same as that of Clarke, who paraphrases the reply thus : "Ah ! it is hard work to sustain such trifling so near the heart (or with so much of earnest feeling beneath it) as Cleopatra has carried on this trifling of hers."

96. *My becomings kill me*, etc. The meaning seems to be that she reckons her very graces as her deadly enemies if they do not gain his favour. Steevens thinks there may be an allusion to what Antony has said of her in i. 1. 49 above.

100. *Laurel.* The 2d folio has "Lawrell'd," which many editors prefer.

103. *That thou, residing here*, etc. Steevens remarks that the conceit may have been suggested by Sidney's *Arcadia* :

"She went, they staid ; or, rightly for to say,
She staid with them, they went in thought with her."

He quotes also the *Mercator* of Plautus : "Si domi sum, foris est animus ; sin foris sum, animus domi est."

SCENE IV.—3. *Our.* The folios have "One ;" corrected by Sr. (the conjecture of Heath and Johnson). Hanmer reads "A."

Competitor=associate ; as in ii. 7. 71 and v. 1. 42 below. See also *T. N.* p. 158.

6. *Ptolemy.* Used, as in 17 below, because the queen belonged to the line of the Ptolemies. Cf. iii. 12. 18 below.

9. *The abstract of all faults.* "A microcosm of sinfulness" (Schmidt).

11. *Enow.* The old plural of *enough*. Cf. *M. of V.* iii. 5. 24, iv. 1. 29, *Hen. V.* iv. 1. 240, iv. 2. 28, etc. See also p. 154 above.

12, 13. *His faults*, etc. The comparison is elliptically expressed, but intelligible enough. Cf. *Cymb.* v. 5. 120 :

"One sand another
Not more resembles that sweet rosy lad
Who died, and was Fidele."

14. *Purchas'd.* Acquired. Cf. *A. Y. L.* iii. 2. 360: "Your accent is something finer than you could purchase in so removed a dwelling;" and see our ed. p. 177.

20. *Reel the streets.* For the transitive use, cf. *Ham.* i. 4. 9: "Keeps wassail, and the swaggering up-spring reels." Cf. Gr. 198.

22. *As.* See on ii. 2. 52 below. Johnson conjectured "And." *Composure*=composition; as in *T. and C.* ii. 3. 251: "thou art of sweet composure." In the only other instance of the word in S. (*T. and C.* ii. 3. 109, where the folios have "counsel") it is = combination.

24. *Soils.* Stains, blemishes. The folios have "foyles" or "foyls;" corrected by Malone. Coll. conjectures "foibles." S. does not use the plural anywhere else. Schmidt would retain "foils," explaining it as "blemishes."

When we do bear, etc. "When his trifling levity throws so much burden on us" (Johnson). S. is fond of playing on the various senses of *light*.

25. *If he fill'd*, etc. "If Antony followed his debaucheries at a time of leisure, I should leave him to be punished by their natural consequences, by *surfeits* and *dry bones*" (Johnson). *Call on him*=call him to account; or, perhaps, "visit him" (Schmidt). The Coll. MS. has "Fall on him."

28. *Confound.* See on i. 1. 45 above; and for *such . . . that*, on i. 2. 187.

31. *Being mature in knowledge.* That is, "being old enough to know their duty" (Johnson), or old enough to know better. Hanmer reads "who, immature," etc.; but the *experience* and *judgment* that follow imply that the boys are *mature* enough to know what is right, though they may not have the manly strength to resist temptation.

33. *Here's more news.* See on i. 1. 19 above. We often, however, find the singular verb before a plural subject. Gr. 335.

38. *Ports.* The Coll. MS. has "fleets," but Coll. does not adopt it.

39. *Discontents.* Malcontents; as in *1 Hen. IV.* v. 1. 76: "fickle changelings and poor discontents."

40. *Give.* Represent; as in *Cor.* i. 9. 55: "To us that give you truly."

43. *Ebb'd.* That has ebbed, or declined. Cf. *Temp.* ii. 1. 226: "Ebbing men;" and *Lear*, v. 3. 19:

"great ones
That ebb and flow by the moon."

For the form, cf. *forgotten* in i. 3. 90 above.

Rann changes the second *ne'er* to "not" (Malone's conjecture); but *never* is often = an emphatic *not*, and the repetition is quite in the manner of S.

44. *Comes dear'd.* Becomes endeared. The folios have "fear'd;" corrected by Theo. (the conjecture of Warb.). The Coll. MS. reads "lov'd." Dr. Ingleby suggests that the old reading is = "feer'd," a contraction of "afeer'd," for which see *Macb.* p. 239.

46. *Lackeying.* The folios have "lacking;" corrected by Theo. Pope reads "lashing."

49. *Ear.* Plough. See on i. 2. 105 above.

52. *Lack blood to think on't.* "Turn pale at the thought of it" (Johnson). *Flush youth* = "youth ripened to manhood, youth whose blood is at the flow" (Steevens).

56. *Wassails.* The folios have "vassails," "vassails," or "vassals;" corrected by Pope. For *wassail* = carousal, see *Macb.* p. 180, or *Ham.* p. 192. Henley believed "vassals" to be the true reading.

57. *Modena.* Accented here (the only instance of the word in S.) on the second syllable. Cf. the extract from North, p. 149 above.

61. *Suffer.* That is, suffer with. For the ellipsis of the preposition in relative sentences, see Gr. 394.

62. *Stale.* Urine. *Gilded* = covered with yellow scum.

71. *Lank'd.* Became lank or thin; the only instance of the verb in S. *'T is pity of him.* The same expression occurs in *Oth.* ii. 3. 130. Cf. *T. N.* ii. 5. 14, *M. N. D.* iii. 1. 44, etc.

75. *We.* The 1st folio has "me," which Clarke retains.

79. *Front.* Face, encounter. Cf. 2 *Hen. IV.* iv. 1. 25: "What well-appointed leader fronts us here?" Capell prints "front." See also ii. 2. 61 below.

84. *For my bond.* "That is, to be my bounden duty" (Mason).

SCENE V.—4. *Mandragora.* Mandrake; a soporific. Cf. *Oth.* iii. 3. 330:

"Not poppy, nor mandragora,
Nor all the drowsy syrups of the world,
Shall ever medicine thee to that sweet sleep
Which thou owest yesterday."

Steevens quotes Webster, *Duchess of Malfy*:

"Come, violent death,
Serve for mandragora, and make me sleep."

13. *Wot'st.* Knowest; used by S. only in the present tense and the participle *wotting.* For the latter, see *W. T.* iii. 2. 77.

14. *Demi-Atlas.* Cf. 3 *Hen. VI.* v. 1. 36: "Thou art no Atlas for so great a weight."

15. *Burgonet.* A kind of helmet. Cf. 2 *Hen. VI.* v. 1. 204: "This day I'll wear aloft my burgonet."

20. *Broad-fronted.* "Bald-fronted" was the "bald" conjecture of Seward.

23. *In.* Into; as often. Gr. 159.

24. *Anchor his aspect.* Cf. *Sonni.* 137. 6:

"If eyes corrupt by over-partial looks
Be anchor'd in the bay where all men ride," etc.

Steevens quotes *M. for M.* ii. 4. 4.

Aspect is accented on the last syllable, as regularly in S. Gr. 490.

27. *That great medicine.* Alluding to the "grand elixir" of the alchemists. Cf. *A. W.* v. 3. 102 :

"Plutus himself,
That knows the tinct and multiplying medicine,
Hath not in nature's mystery more science
Than I have in this ring;"

and see our ed. p. 178. Walker suggests that *medicine* may be = physician, as in *A. W.* ii. i. 75. Cf. *Macb.* p. 248.

34. *Egypt.* See on i. 3. 78 above.

39. *Arm-gaunt.* A puzzle to the critics, who have suggested many emendations: as "arm-gift" (Hanmer), "termagant" (Mason), "warguant" (Jackson), "arrogant" (Boaden and Sr.), "rampaunt" or "ramping" (Lettson), etc. Various attempts have been made to explain *arm-gaunt*, but we have no doubt that it is a misprint. The poet's word was not improbably "rampaunt," though, as Sr. says, the article *an* favours "arrogant."

41. *Dumb'd.* The folios have "dumbe" or "dumb;" corrected by Theo. We find "dumbs" in *Per.* v. prol. 5: "Deep clerks she dumbs." Warb. reads "done." For the adverbial *beastly*, cf. *T. of S.* iv. 2. 34, *Cymb.* v. 3. 27, etc. The Coll. MS. has "boastfully."

50. *Mingle.* S. uses the noun only here and in iv. 8. 37 below.

53. *Several.* Separate; as often. Cf. 68 and iii. 13. 5 below. See also *Temp.* p. 131.

54. *So thick.* "In such quick succession" (Steevens). Cf. *Macb.* i. 3. 97 :

"As thick as tale
Came post with post."

62. *Paragon.* The verb is used in different though related senses in *Hen. VIII.* ii. 4. 230 and *Oth.* ii. 1. 62.

65. *Cold in blood*, etc. The pointing is that of Warb. and is generally adopted; the folio joins the words to what precedes.

69. *Unpeople Egypt.* "By sending out messengers" (Johnson).

ACT II.

SCENE I.—I. *Shall.* Will. Cf. Gr. 315.

3. *They not deny.* For the transposition of *not*, cf. ii. 2. 35 below. Gr. 305.

4. *Whiles.* Used by S. interchangeably with *while*. Gr. 137.

"The meaning is, while we are praying, the thing for which we pray is losing its value" (Johnson).

10. *My powers are crescent.* Changed by Theo. to "My power 's a crescent," on account of the following *it*; but cf. *T. of A.* iii. 6. 101 :

"Who, stuck and spangled with your flatteries,
Washes it off," etc.

21. *Salt.* Wanton, lustful. Cf. *Oth.* p. 175.

Wan'd. Faded, declined. Cf. 3 *Hen. VI.* iv. 7. 4 :

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"I shall interchang-

My waned state for Henry's regal cro-

The folios have "wand;" Pope reads "wan," and
"fond." "Wann'd" is an anonymous conjecture not

24. *Epicurean*. Accented on the antepenult, as in o^{ne}
time. S. uses the word only here and (in prose) in *M.*

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25. *Cloyless*. Unclothing. Cf. *helpless*=unhelping (*V. an*
III. i. 2. 13, etc.), *sightless*=unseen (*Macb.* i. 7. 23), etc. See

26. *Prorogue*. "Linger out, keep in a languishing state"

27. *Lethe'd*. The folios have "Lethied." For the noun, *M.* ii. 7. 109
below.

31. *A space for*. Time long enough for. *Space* is often used of time;
as in *Temp.* i. 2. 279: "within which space she died;" *A. W.* ii. 3. 188:
"the coming space," etc.

37. *Egypt's widow*. Julius Cæsar had married her to young Ptolemy,
who was afterwards drowned (Steevens).

38. *Hope*. Expect, suppose; as in *Hen.* *V.* iii. 7. 77: "Some of them
will fall to-morrow, I hope." Boswell remarks that it was considered a
blundering use of the word in the time of Elizabeth, as appears from
Puttenham, *Arte of English Poesie*: "Such manner of uncouth speech
did the Tanner of Tamworth use to king Edward the fourth, which Tanner
having a great while mistaken him, and used very broad talke with
him, at length perceiving by his traine that it was the king, said thus with
a certayne rude repentance: I hope I shall be hanged to-morrow! For
[I feare me] I shall be hanged, whereat the king laughed agood, not only
to see the Tanners vaine feare, but also to heare his ill-shapen terme."

41. *Warr'd*. The 1st folio has "wan'd;" corrected in the 2d.

45. *Pregnant*. Very probable. Cf. *Cymb.* iv. 2. 325: "O, 't is pregn-
nant, pregnant!" See also *Lear*, p. 198.

Square. Quarrel. Cf. *M. N. D.* ii. 1. 30: "And now they never meet
. . . But they do square;" and see our ed. p. 138.

49. *Yet not know*. Do not yet know. For the transposition, see *Gr.*
76. Cf. *iv.* 12. 1 below.

50. *Stands our lives upon*. Behooves us as we value our lives. Cf. *Rich.*
II. ii. 3. 138: "It stands your grace upon to do him right;" and see our
ed. p. 186, or *Ham.* p. 269. *Gr.* 204.

SCENE II.—8. *I would not shave 't*. That is, I would not show him
even that degree of respect.

9. *Stomaching*. Giving way to anger or resentment. S. uses the verb
only here and in *iii.* 4. 12 below. For the noun (=wrath), see *Lear*, p. 254.

15. *Compose*. Agree, make terms. Cf. *composition* in *ii.* 6. 58 below.

16. *I do not know*, etc. This is part of the conversation between Cæsar
and Mæcenas as they come in.

21. *Loud*. In high words. Cf. *Oth.* ii. 1. 150: "Had tongue at will,
and yet was never loud," etc.

25. *Nor cursness grow to the matter*. "Let not ill-humour be added
to the real subject of our difference" (Johnson). S. uses *cursness* only

46, but cf. *curst* in *Lear*, ii. 1. 67: "with curst speech" (see our ed. p. 198), etc.

35. *Not concern'd*. See on ii. 1. 3 above.

40. *How intend you practis'd?* What do you mean by *practised*? The word was often = plot; as in *Lear*, iii. 2. 57: "practis'd on man's life," etc.

44. *Was theme for you*. Had you for its theme, was on your account. Coll. has "For theme was you," and St. conjectures "Had you for theme."

46. *Did urge me in his act*. "Made use of my name as a pretence for the war" (Warb.).

47. *Reports*. "Reporters" (Pope's reading). S. uses *reporter* only in 189 below.

50. *Stomach*. Disposition, inclination. Cf. *Hen. V.* iv. 3. 35: "he which hath no stomach to this fight," etc.

51. *Having alike your cause*. I being engaged in the same cause with you (Malone).

52. *Patch a quarrel*. Make a quarrel, as it were, out of mere shreds and pieces. In the next line the *not* is not in the folios, but was inserted by Rowe. Clarke follows the old text, and believes that the language is purposely equivocal; "Antony allowing Cæsar to understand either 'If you desire to pick a quarrel with me, you could find stronger ground for basing it upon than these frivolous causes of complaint,' or 'If you wish to make up the quarrel between us, you have better means of doing so than by ripping up these trivial grievances.'" Dr. Ingleby (*S. the Man and the Book, Part I.* p. 145) also follows the folio, making *have* "the verb of obligation." He says: "Antony refers to former letters, and Cæsar to former excuses: so that when Antony speaks of *patching the quarrel*, he means that the quarrel has been already *worn out* by discussion. Cæsar ought (he says) to be able to adduce a new and entire ground of complaint; but that if he will patch up the old quarrel he must do it with something else than the pretence that Antony's wife and brother have made wars upon him. . . . As is the *conjunction of reminder*, being employed by S. and his contemporaries to introduce a subsidiary statement, qualifying, or even contradicting, what goes before, which the person addressed is required to take for granted." Cf. *A. Y. L.* iii. 5. 38, *M. for M.* ii. 4. 89, and i. 4. 22 above. We can accept this explanation (which so far fits the other reading equally well) except in making *have* "the verb of obligation." If it were that *have*, it ought to mean, we think, you *are* obliged to adduce, or you *must* adduce, not "you ought to be able to adduce." It will hardly bear the "twist" that Dr. I. has to give it in order to make it serve his purpose here.

60. *With graceful eyes attend*. Look graciously or approvingly upon. Pope reads "grateful."

61. *Fronted*. Opposed. Cf. i. 4. 79 above.

62. *I would you had*, etc. "I wish you were married to such another spirited woman; and then you would find that, though you can govern the third part of the world, the management of such a woman is not an easy matter" (Malone). *Spirit* is a monosyllable (= *sprite*), as often. Gr. 463.

64. *Pace.* Teach paces to, break in. Cf. *Hen. VIII.* v. 3. 22:

“those that tame wild horses
Pace 'em not in their hands to make 'em gentle,
But stop their mouths with stubborn bits, and spur 'em,
Till they obey the manage.”

67. *Garboils.* See on i. 3. 61 above.

70. *Did you too much disquiet.* S. has *do* with many nouns with which we should not now use it; as “do danger” (*J. C.* ii. 1. 17), “do our country loss” (*Hen. V.* iv. 3. 21), “do him disparagement” (*R. and J.* i. 5. 72), “do him shame” (*R. of L.* 597, *Sonn.* 36. 10), “do him ease” (*T. of S.* v. 2. 179, *Ham.* i. 1. 131), etc.

For that=but for all that, nevertheless.

74. *Missive.* Messenger. Cf. *Much.* i. 5. 7: “Whiles I stood rapt in the wonder of it, came missives from the king, who all-hailed me ‘Thane of Cawdor.’” S. uses the word only twice.

78. *Told him of myself.* “Told him the condition I was in, when he had his last audience” (*Warb.*).

85. *The honour is sacred*, etc. “The theme of honour which he now speaks of, namely, the religion of an oath, for which he supposes me not to have a due regard, is sacred; let him therefore urge his charge, that I may vindicate myself” (Malone). Mason takes *now* to refer to *is*, not to *talks*: “the honour which Cæsar talked of was *now* sacred and inviolate, supposing that he had been somewhat deficient before” (as he has now brought Cæsar the aid which he neglected to send “when rioting in Alexandria”).

94. *Without it.* That is, without my honesty.

98. *Noble.* The 2d folio has “nobly.” Cf. *Hen. VIII.* ii. 4. 141: “she 's noble born;” and *Cor.* iii. 2. 6: “You do the nobler.” Gr. 1.

99. *Enforce.* Urge, lay stress upon; as in *Cor.* ii. 3. 227: “enforce his pride,” etc.

100. *Griefs.* Grievances. Cf. *J. C.* i. 3. 118: “redress of all these griefs;” *Id.* iv. 2. 42: “Speak your griefs softly,” etc. See also i *Hen. IV.* p. 192.

102. *Atone.* Reconcile. Cf. *Rich. II.* i. 1. 202: “Since we cannot atone you;” and see our ed. p. 156.

110. *Your considerate stone.* That is, *I am* as silent as a stone. The meaning seems obvious enough, but Johnson wanted to read “Go to, you considerate ones,” and Heath conjectured “your confederates love.” Steevens cites many passages to show that “still as a stone” was a common simile. Cf. *T. A.* iii. 1. 46: “A stone is silent and offendeth not.” Tollet explains the passage thus: “I will henceforth seem senseless as a stone, however I may observe and consider your words and actions;” but we take it that *considerate* is simply=discreet, circumspect.

115. *What hoop*, etc. Steevens compares 2 *Hen. IV.* iv. 4. 43: “A hoop of gold to bind thy brothers in.”

120. *Say not so.* The folios have “Say not, say;” corrected by Rowe. In the next line they have “proose” or “proof” for *reproof*, which was the conjecture of Warb.

122. *Were well deserv'd of rashness.* Would be well deserved for your rashness.

128. *To his wife.* Cf. *J. C.* ii. 1. 293, *Ham.* i. 2. 14, etc. See also *Matt.* iii. 9, *Luke*, iii. 8, etc. Gr. 189.

133. *Import.* Carry with them.

134. *Be tales.* For the measure, Pope reads "be but tales," and Capell "then be tales." Steevens conjectures "be as tales," St. "be half tales," Keightley "be tales only," and Nicholson "be mere tales."

144. *Power unto.* Elsewhere we have of (*Ham.* ii. 2. 27, etc.), upon (as in i. 3. 23 above), in (*Much Ado*, iv. 1. 75, etc.), and over (*Rich. III.* i. 2. 47, etc.).

156. *I must thank him only,* etc. I must just thank him, lest I be thought forgetful of his courtesies; and then I will defy him.

158. *At heel of that.* Cf. *Ham.* iii. 2. 341: "But is there no sequel at the heels of this mother's admiration?" See also *T. of A.* i. 1. 27, etc.

159. *Of us.* For of with the agent, see Gr. 170.

164. *So is the fume.* Such is the report.

167. *Most.* Utmost, greatest; as in *Ham.* i. 5. 180: "at your most need," etc. Gr. 17.

168. *To my sister's view.* To see my sister; the "objective genitive."

177. *Digested.* The 1st folio has "disgested." So in *Cor.* i. 1. 154 and *J. C.* i. 3. 205 we find "digest." See Nares, s. v. *Dispose*; and cf. Wb.

180. *Eight wild boars roasted,* etc. See extract from North, p. 151 above.

186. *Square to her.* Just to her. Cf. *T. of A.* v. 4. 36:

"All have not offended;
For those that were, it is not square to take
Of those that are, revenges."

188. *Upon the river of Cydnus.* Mason criticised this as "an instance of negligence and inattention in S," since, according to 216 below, Antony, being then in the market-place, did not see her on the river; which reminds one of Yellowplush's surprise at finding that Boulogne-sur-Mer was on the shore and not "on the sea." *Upon the river*, as Clarke notes, means "on the shores of the river," including the "city."

192. *The barge she sat in,* etc. Cf. North, p. 151 above.

200. *Cloth-of-gold of tissue.* Explained by some as = cloth-of-gold in tissue or texture (for of = in, see Gr. 173); but St. is probably right in making it = "cloth-of-gold on a ground of tissue." He says that the expression "repeatedly occurs in early English books." He might have added that S. takes it from North. See p. 151 above.

201. *That Venus.* Warb. says that this means "the Venus of Protogenes, mentioned by Pliny."

206. *What they undid did.* That is, seemed to produce the glow they were intended to allay. Johnson thought it would be better to read "what they did, undid."

208. *Tended her i' the eyes.* Apparently = waited upon her looks. Clarke compares *M. N. D.* iii. 1. 168: "gambol in his eyes." Steevens cites *Ham.* iv. 4. 6: "We shall express our duty in his eye;" that is, in our personal attendance upon him.

209. *And made their bends adornings.* This is the great *crux* of the play. The notes upon it in the Var. of 1821 fill six pages, and include some very amusing matter. More recent commentators have added a good deal more of the same sort. If the old text be right, the simplest explanation is that they made their obeisance, or bowed, with such grace that it added to their beauty; or, as Steevens puts it, "each inclined her person so gracefully that the very act of humiliation was an improvement of her own beauty." This idea of grace in doing service follows naturally enough the mention of their waiting upon her in the preceding line. Hanmer changed *adornings* to "adorings," and W. reads "their bends, adoring." The only other emendation or explanation that seems worth mentioning is Dr. Ingleby's (*Shakes. Hermeneutics*, p. 119): "We read, after Zachary Jackson, 'the bends' adornings.' Both *eyes* and *bends* were parts of Cleopatra's barge. The *eyes* of a ship are the hawseholes; the *bends* are the wales, or thickest planks in the ship's sides. North has it: 'others tending the tackle and ropes of the barge;' which settles the question as to the meaning of *eyes*: and that once fixed, the other part of the interpretation is inevitable. What could the hardy soldier, Enobarbus, care for the curves of the mermaids' bodies? To us it is obvious that if the girls tended Cleopatra at the *eyes*, they would, *there*, be the natural ornaments of the *bends*." This is ingenious, but we cannot accept it. The reference in North to "tending the tackle" follows (see p. 151 above) the mention of "steering the helm;" and the counterpart to it in the play is *the silken tackle*, etc., which occupies the same position in the description. The part of North's account which corresponds to *made their bends adornings* seems to be the statement that the gentlewomen were appareled "like the Graces," and this might suggest a reference to grace in their movements. We believe that in all that has been written on the passage, no one has called attention to the very close paraphrase of North which S. gives: "Her ladies and *gentlewomen* . . . were appareled *like the nymphs Nereids* (which are the *mermaids* of the waters) and"—after getting so far we have only to seek a parallel for "like the Graces," and may we not find it in *made their bends adornings*?—made their very obeisance, as they *tended her*, like that of the Graces waiting on Venus. As to the appropriateness of the description in the mouth of "the hardy soldier Enobarbus," is it any more poetical or sentimental than what precedes and follows? If he had an eye for the "delicate cheeks" and the "flower-soft hands" and all that, why not for the "curves of the mermaids' bodies?" Note how fond he is of dwelling on Cleopatra's witchery. Cf. 229–241 below, i. 2. 146 fol. above, etc.

210. *Tackle.* As a kind of "collective" noun, it here takes a plural verb. The later folios have "tackles."

211. *Swell.* Perhaps suggested by the swelling of the sails, and possibly with the added figurative idea of palpitating, as it were, with pleasure at the touch. Coll. adopts the bad "Smell" of his MS.

212. *Yarely.* Readily, destily. Cf. *yare* (=quick) in v. 2. 282 below.

214. *Wharfs.* Banks; used by S. only here and in *Ham.* i. 5. 33: "on Lethe wharf."

217. *But for vacancy.* "Alluding to an axiom in the Peripatetic philosophy then in vogue, that *Nature abhors a vacuum*" (Warb.).

222. *It should.* It would. Gr. 326.

225. *Barber'd ten times o'er.* Cf. 8 above.

226. *His ordinary.* His supper, his meal. Cf. *A. W.* ii. 3. 211: "for two ordinaries." S. uses the noun nowhere else except in *A. Y. L.* iii. 5. 42: "the ordinary Of Nature's sale-work."

227. *Wench.* In the time of S. "not always used in a bad sense, but as a general familiar expression, in any variation of tone between tenderness and contempt" (Schmidt).

232. *Did make defect perfection.* An expression not unlike *made their bends adornings above.*

236. *Stale.* Render stale; changed in the 2d folio to "steale." Cf. *J. C.* i. 2. 73: "To stale with ordinary oaths my love;" *Id. iv. 1. 38:* "out of use and stal'd by other men," etc.

238. *But she makes hungry*, etc. Cf. *V. and A.* 19:

"And yet not cloy thy lips with loath'd satiety,
But rather famish them amid their plenty."

Malone quotes *Per.* v. 1. 113: "Who starves the ears she feeds, and makes them hungry."

240. *Become themselves.* Are becoming. Malone compares *Sonn.* 150. 5: "Whence hast thou this becoming of things ill?"

241. *Riggish.* Wanton; the only instance of the word in S. Steevens and Malone cite examples of the noun *rig* (=harlot), but none of the adjective.

244. *Lottery.* Prize. Theo. has "allottery" (the suggestion of Warb.) =allotment.

SCENE III.—3. *Bow my prayers.* Rowe reads "in prayers," and the Coll. MS. "with prayers."

6. *Kept my square.* Explained by the context. Cf. the use of the verb in *W. T.* v. 1. 52:

"O that ever I
Had squar'd me to thy counsel!"

8. *Good night, sir.* The 2d folio gives this to Octavia; but the reply of Cæsar shows that it is addressed to him.

14. *In my motion.* In my mind, "intuitively" (Schmidt). Cf. *A. W.* iii. 1. 13:

"like a common and an outward man,
That the great figure of a council frames
By self-unable motion; therefore dare not
Say what I think of it;"

and see our ed. p. 157. Theo. reads "notion" here, as Warb. does in *A. W.*

20. *Thy demon, that thy spirit, etc.* The reading of the 1st folio; the 2d has "that's thy." Cf. the passage in North, p. 155 above. The wording of this seems to have suggested the change in the 2d folio, and has led some of the modern editors to adopt that reading; but K., D.,

V., W., Clarke, and the Camb. ed. follow the 1st folio. Abbott (Gr. 239) finds only one instance of the demonstrative before a possessive pronoun in S. (*J. C.* ii. 1. 112: "this our lofty scene"); but the combination is not uncommon in the plays. Cf. *Hen. V.* iv. 8. 96, *T. and C.* i. 1. 55, *J. C.* v. 5. 27, *Macb.* i. 7. 53, ii. 2. 61, iii. 6. 48, etc. See also iii. 5. 17 and iv. 14. 79 in the present play.

For *demon*=genius, or attendant spirit, cf. *Macb.* iii. 1. 56:

"There is none but he
Whose being I do fear; and under him
My Genius is rebuk'd, as it is said
Mark Antony's was by Cæsar;"

and *C. of E.* v. 1. 332:

"One of these men is Genius to the other;
And so of these. Which is the natural man,
And which the spirit?"

23. *A fear.* Apparently a simple personification, though Steevens thinks it necessary to compare the introduction of *Fear* as a personage in the old moralities. Thirlby's conjecture of "afear'd" is, however, plausible enough.

28. *Thickens.* Grows dim. Cf. *Macb.* iii. 2. 50:

"Light thickens, and the crow
Makes wing to the rooky wood."

31. *Away.* The folios have "alway;" corrected by Pope.

35. *The very dice*, etc. Cf. North, p. 155 above.

36. *Cunning.* Skill; as in iii. 12. 31 below. Cf. *Ps. cxxxvii.* 5, and the adjective in *Gen. xxv.* 27, etc.

37. *Speeds.* Has good luck, prospers. See *W. T.* p. 161, note on *Sped*.

39. *All to nought.* That is, when the odds are as everything to nothing. Cf. *Rich. III.* i. 2. 238: "And yet to win her,—all the world to nothing;" and *Cor. v. 2. 10*: "it is lots to blanks."

Quails. "The ancients used to match quails as we match cocks" (Johnson). The birds were *in hoop'd*, or confined within a circle, to keep them "up to the scratch;" or, as others say, the one that was driven out of the *hoop* was considered beaten. Hanmer reads "in-coop'd at odds," and Capell "in whoop'd-at odds."

SCENE IV.—6. *At the Mount.* That is, at Misenum. The 1st folio omits *at*.

8. *About.* That is, by a roundabout way. Cf. *Macb.* iii. 3. 11: "His horses go about."

SCENE V.—1. *Moody.* Pensive, sad; as in *C. of E.* v. 1. 79, etc. Cf. *T. N.* i. 1. 1: "If music be the food of love, play on."

3. *Billiards.* An anachronism, as Malone and others have pointed out; but cf. *C. of E.* p. 103.

8. *Show'd.* S. uses both *showed* and *shown* as the participle; so *bended* (12 below) and *bent*.

10. *Angle*. Angling-line. See *Ham.* p. 269.

12. *Tawny-fiu'n'd*. The folios have "Tawny fine" or "Tawny-fine;" corrected by Theo.

15. 'T was merry when, etc. See North, p. 152 above.

18. *Fervency*. Eagerness; the only instance of the word in S. *Fervent* does not occur in his works.

22. *Tires*. Head-dresses. Cf. *M. W.* iii. 3. 60: "thou hast the right arched beauty of the brow that becomes the ship-tire, the tire-valiant, or any tire of Venetian admittance."

23. *Philippian*. S. names Antony's sword after the battle of Philippi; though, as Theo. tells us, there was no such custom in Roman times.

24. *Ram*. Hammer changes the word to "Rain;" and Delius conjectures "Cram," as in *Temp.* ii. 1. 106. Malone compares *J. C.* v. 3. 74.

26. *Antony's dead!* The reading of the 2d folio; the 1st has "Anthony's dead." The Camb. editors adopt Delius's conjecture of "Antonius dead!"

27. *Mistress*. A trisyllable. Cf. *frustrate* in v. 1. 2 below. Gr. 477.

30. *Lipp'd*. The verb occurs again in *Oth.* iv. 1. 72: "To lip a wanton in a secure couch."

32. *We use*. We are accustomed. We do not now use the present in this sense. See *A. Y. L.* p. 156.

33. *The dead are well*. For this euphemism, cf. *W. T.* v. 1. 30, 2 *Hen. IV* v. 2. 3, *R.* and *J.* iv. 5. 76, v. 1. 17, etc. As Henley remarks, this use of *well* seems to have been suggested by 2 *Kings*, iv. 26.

38. *So tart a favour*. So sour a face. For *favour*, see *Ham.* p. 263, or *M. N. D.* p. 130. Hanmer reads "why so tart," and Malone "needs so tart."

41. *Formal*. Ordinary, common. Cf. *C. of E.* p. 144. Johnson explains it as "decent, regular."

44. *Captive*. The 2d folio misprints "captaine," and "Marke" for *Make* in 49 below; and in both cases the later folios follow it.

51. *Precedence*. What has gone before; as in the only other instance in which S. uses the word—*L. L. L.* iii. 1. 83. The accent is on the penult there as here.

64. *Unhair*. The only instance of the verb in S. *Unhair'd* (=beardless) is a conjectural reading in *K. John*, v. 2. 133 (see our ed. p. 174).

71. *Boot thee with*. Give thee to boot.

74. *Have made no fault*. Cf. *W. T.* iii. 2. 218: "you have made fault;" *Sonn.* 35. 5: "All men make faults," etc.

75. *Keep yourself within yourself*. That is, do not get *beside* yourself with passion. Steevens compares *T. of S.* ind. 1. 100: "we can contain ourselves."

78. *Melt Egypt into Nile!* Cf. i. 1. 33 above: "Let Rome in Tiber melt."

81. *Afeard*. Used by S. interchangeably with *afraid*, which Pope substitutes here. Cf. iii. 3. 1 below.

90. *Worser*. Used by S. some twenty times. Cf. i. 2. 57 above.

97. *Thou wouldest appear most ugly*. That is, "this news hath made thee a most ugly man" (*K. John*, iii. 1. 37).

101. *Much unequal.* Very unjust. Cf. 2 *Hen. IV.* iv. 1. 102:

“To lay a heavy and unequal hand
Upon our honours.”

103. *That art not what thou 'rt sure of.* The reading of the folios, much tinkered by the editors. K. explains it thus: “Thou art not an honest man, of which thou art thyself assured, because thy master's fault has made a knave of thee.” Clarke says: “Who art not thyself that fault which thou art so sure has been committed. The messenger has before said, ‘I that do bring the news made not the match,’ and ‘I have made no fault,’ and he has so often repeated his assertion that Antony is married, that Cleopatra alludes to it as ‘what thou 'rt *sure of*’.” V. thinks it may be—“Thou (the bearer) art not thyself the evil thing of which thou art so certain, and dost not merit to bear its odium;” and this seems to us the simplest way of putting it. Of the emendations, the following are worth noting: “that sayst but what thou 'rt sure of” (Hanmer); and “That art not—What? thou 'rt sure of 't?” (Mason's conjecture). W. changes *not* to “but,” and explains the line thus: “being merely a messenger, you are to be regarded only according to the tenour of your message.” He also takes *that* in the preceding line to be a demonstrative, and adds: “Cleopatra, in reply to the messenger's plea that he only performs his office, says, ‘O that (namely, Antony's marriage), which is his fault, should make a knave of thee, that art but what thy tidings are.’” H. reads “art in what,” etc.

105. *Are.* The subject *merchandise* (=goods) is treated as a plural. Cf. *tackle* in ii. 2. 210 above.

112. *Feature.* Personal appearance. Cf. *K. John*, ii. 1. 126: “Liker in feature to his father Geffrey.” See also *Id.* iv. 2. 264, *Rich. III.* i. 1. 19, *Hen. VIII.* iii. 2. 50, *Ham.* iii. 1. 167, iii. 2. 25, *Lear*, iv. 2. 63, etc. S. uses the plural only in *Temp.* iii. 1. 52.

116. *Though he be painted*, etc. Alluding, as St. notes, to the “double” pictures formerly in vogue, of which Burton says: “Like those double or turning pictures; stand before which you see a fair maid, on the one side an ape, on the other an owl.” Cf. Chapman, *All Fools*, i. 1:

“But like a couzening picture, which one way
Shows like a crow, another like a swan.”

117. *Way 's.* As in the 4th folio, and =“way he 's” (Hanmer's reading); “wayes” in the earlier folios.

SCENE VI.—7. *Tall.* Stout, sturdy. Cf. *T. N.* p. 123.

13. *Ghosted.* Steevens quotes an instance of the verb from Burton, *Anat. of Melan.* preface: “What madnesse ghosts this old man? but what madnesse ghosts us all?”

16. *The all-honour'd.* The 1st folio omits *the*, and in 19 misprints “his” for *is*.

24. *Fear.* Frighten. Cf. *M. of V.* ii. 1. 9:

“this aspect of mine
Hath fear'd the valiant.”

See also *K. John*, p. 147.

27. *O'ercount me of my father's house.* As Malone notes, “*o'ercount* seems to be used equivocally, and Pompey perhaps meant to insinuate that Antony not only *outnumbered* but had *overreached* him.” According to Plutarch, “when Pompey's house was put to open sale, Antonius bought it; but when they asked him money for it, he made it very strange, and was offended with them.” See also p. 154 above.

28. *But since the cuckoo builds not for himself*, etc. “Since, like the cuckoo, that seizes the nests of other birds, you have invaded a house which you could not build, keep it while you can” (Johnson). For other allusions to this habit of the cuckoo, cf. *I. Hen. IV. v. 1. 60* (see the long note in our ed. p. 195), *Lear*, i. 4. 235, and *R. of L.* 849.

30. *From the present.* Away from, or foreign to, the present business. Gr. 158.

34. *To try a larger fortune.* That is, in trying, or if you try, for more at the hands of Fortune. He hints that in risking the chances of war he may lose rather than gain. For the “indefinite” use of the infinitive, see Gr. 356.

37. *Greed.* The reading of the 1st and 2d folios; the 3d and 4th (followed by the modern eds.) have “*greed*.” Cf. *C. of E.* p. 145, or *Wb.*

39. *Targes.* Targets, shields; as in *Cymb.* v. 5. 5, where, as here, the word is a monosyllable. See Gr. 471.

42. *Though I lose*, etc. Clarke remarks: “The historical fact of Sextus Pompey's having courteously received Antony's mother in Sicily when she fled from Italy is recorded by Plutarch; but the touch of delicacy in sentiment—declaring that to remind or reproach another with a benefit conferred is to forfeit the merit of it—is the dramatist's own exquisite addition. S. has more than once taken occasion to enforce this refinement in social morality; he has made that noble-minded, warm-natured, delicate-souled being, Antonio, the sea-captain in *T. N.* (whom we can never help associating, in strange closeness of analogy, with S. himself in character and disposition), say [iii. 4. 383]:

‘Do not tempt my misery,
Lest that it make me so unsound a man
As to upbraid you with those kindnesses
That I have done for you.’”

47. *Am well studied.* Am studious or earnestly desirous. Cf. *2 Hen. IV. ii. 2. 10*: “so loosely studied;” and *M. of V. ii. 2. 205*: “well studied in a sad ostent,” etc. Cf. Gr. 294, 374.

51. *Timelier.* Earlier, sooner. Cf. *Macb.* p. 199.

54. *What counts harsh fortune casts.* The metaphor, as Warb. notes, is from making marks or lines in *casting accounts*.

66. *Meanings.* The folios have “*meaning*;” but Heath's emendation is required by the following *them*.

70. *A certain queen*, etc. Ritson says: “This is from the margin of North's *Plutarch*, 1579: ‘Cleopatra trussed up in a mattress, and so brought to Caesar upon Apollodorus' back,’” but this marginal reference is to the following in the text: “She, only taking Apollodorus Sicilian of all her friends, took a little boat, and went away with him in it in the night, and came and landed hard by the foot of the castle. Then having

no other mean to come into the court without being known, she laid herself down upon a mattress or flockbed, which Apollodorus her friend tied and bound up together like a bundle with a great leather thong, and so took her upon his back and brought her thus hampered in this fardle unto Cæsar in at the castle gate. This was the first occasion (as it is reported) that made Cæsar to love her: but afterwards, when he saw her sweet conversation and pleasant entertainment, he fell then in further liking with her, and did reconcile her again unto her brother the king, with condition that they two jointly should reign together."

73. *Are toward*. Are in preparation. Cf. *T. of A.* iii. 6. 68: "Here's a noble feast toward;" *T. of S.* v. 1. 14: "some cheer is toward," etc.

83. *Have known*. That is, have known each other. Cf. *Cymb.* i. 4. 36: "Sir, we have known together in Orleans."

97. *Whatsome'er*. The reading of the 1st folio ("whatsomere"); changed to "whatsoe're" in the 2d. See *A. W.* p. 161. *True*=honest; as often. For its use in antithesis to *thief*, see *Cymb.* p. 182.

110. *Pray ye, sir?* Are you in earnest?

112. *Is.* For the singular verb with two singular subjects, see Gr. 336. Coll. prints the speech as a question.

113. *Divine of*. Predict concerning. Cf. *Rich.* II. iii. 4. 79: "divine his downfall," etc.

120. *Conversation*. Behaviour, conduct. See *2 Hen. IV.* p. 205.

127. *Occasion*. Need, necessity (Schmidt). Cf. *T. of A.* iii. 3. 15: "But his occasions might have wooed me first," etc.

SCENE VII.—1. *Enter . . . with a banquet.* That is, with a dessert. Cf. *T. and S.* v. 2. 9:

"My banquet is to close our stomachs up
After our great good cheer."

Nares quotes Massinger, *Unnatural Combat*:

"We 'll dine in the great room, but let the music
And banquet be prepared here."

Coll. adds, from *Lord Cromwell*, 1602:

"'T is strange, how that we and the Spaniard differ;
Their dinner is our banquet after dinner."

Plants. As Johnson notes, there seems to be a play on the word as applied to the soles of the feet (Latin *planta*). Steevens cites Lupton, *Notable Things*: "the plants or soles of the feet;" and Chapman, *Iliad*: "Even to the low plants of his feete."

4. *High-coloured*. The 1st folio misprints "high Conlord."

5. *Alms-drink*. Warb. says that this means "that liquor of another's share which his companion drinks to ease him." He sees also a satirical allusion to "Cæsar and Antony's admitting him into the triumvirate, in order to take off from themselves the load of envy." Cf. *J. C.* iv. 1. 18 fol.

6. *Pinch one another by the disposition*. A phrase="touching one in a sore place" (Warb.); or "as they try each other by banter" (Clarke).

Coll. thinks that it refers to "the sign they give each other regarding the disposition of Lepidus to drink."

13. *Partisan*. A kind of halberd. Cf. *R. and J.* i. 1. 80, 101, *Ham.* i. 1. 140, etc.

15. *Are the holes*, etc. The comparison is expressed elliptically: "is as sorry a blank as are the empty spaces," etc. (Clarke). In *sphere* we have an allusion to the old Ptolemaic astronomy. See *Ham.* p. 254. *Disaster*=injure, disfigure; the only instance of the verb in S. Schmidt remarks that it is "rather blunderingly used"; but it was an astrological term and is probably suggested here by the figure that precedes.

17. *They take the flow o' the Nile*, etc. S. probably got this information, either from Holland's *Pliny*, as Reed suggests, or from John Pory's translation of Leo's *Hist. of Africa*, 1600, as Malone thinks more probable.

20. *Foison*. Full harvest, plenty; as in *Temp.* ii. 1. 163, iv. 1. 110, *Macb.* iv. 3. 88, *Sonn.* 53. 9, etc.

26. *Your serpent*, etc. For the colloquial use of *your*, see Gr. 221.

33. *In*. That is, "in for it" (=drunk).

34. *Pyramises*. The singular *pyramis* was in use in the time of S. (cf. 1 *Hen.* VI. i. 6. 21), but the plural is his own, and is probably intended as a touch of drunken enunciation. In v. 2. 61 below we have *pyramides*. The booziness of Lepidus is well hit off here. "His feeble attempt at scientific inquiry, in the remark concerning *your serpent of Egypt*, his flabbily persistent researches touching *your crocodile*, and his limp recurrence to his pet expression *strange serpent*, are all conceived in the highest zest of comic humour" (Clarke).

40. *This wine for Lepidus!* This is "the health that Pompey gives him" (52 below).

44. *It own*. For the old possessive *it*, especially in combination with *own*, see *W. T.* p. 172.

58. *Held my cap off*. Been a servant, been faithful.

69. *Inclips*. Embraces, encloses. Cf. *clip* in iv. 8. 8 below. On *pales*, cf. *Cymb.* iii. 1. 19: "paled in With rocks," etc.

71. *Competitors*. Partners, associates. See on i. 4. 3 above.

74. *There*. Changed by Pope to "then." Steevens conjectures "theirs," but adds that *there* may be = "in the vessel." It may be accompanied with a gesture towards the company they have left.

83. *Pall'd*. Impaired, waning; the only instance of this sense in S. See, however, *Ham.* p. 267, note on 9.

85. *This health to Lepidus!* But Lepidus is already "under the table," so to speak. We have heard nothing from him since Antony admonished him (61 above) that he was about to "sink."

93. *Then, is drunk*. The folios have "then he is;" corrected by Rowe.

94. *Go on wheels!* "The world goes on wheels" was a common phrase of the time. Taylor the Water-Poet took it for the title of one of his pamphlets.

95. *Reels*. Apparently suggested by *drunk*, and used for the sake of the rhyme to *wheels*. Cf. 118 below. Steevens conjectured "grease the wheels" for *increase the reels*!

98. *Strike the vessels*. Probably = "tap the casks," as most of the editors have explained it. Weber cites Fletcher, *Monsieur Thomas*, v. 10: "Home, Launce, and strike a fresh piece of wine," etc. The word *vessels* also favours this explanation, being elsewhere used of casks or large vessels; as in *T. of A.* ii. 2. 186: "If I would broach the vessels of my love," etc. Some, however, make *strike the vessels* = strike your cups together. Clarke, who adopts this explanation, objects to the other that Antony would hardly give an order for tapping fresh casks when Pompey was the entertainer; but the carousal had now reached a point where none of the company would stand overmuch upon etiquette. Ritson quotes *Oth.* ii. 3. 71: "And let me the canakin clink, clink!"

102. *Possess it*. "Be master of it" (Schmidt); or "occupy it, fill it up" (Clarke). The reading is perhaps doubtful. The Coll. MS. has "Pro-*cess*," which occurred independently to W.; and St. conjectures "Pro-*pose*."

112. *The holding*. The "burden" of the song. For *bear* the folios have "beate" or "beat;" corrected by Theo.

115. *Pink eyne*. Winking or half-shut eyes (the effect of intoxication); with perhaps a reference to the other sense of red. Johnson in his *Dict.* defines a *pink eye* as "a small eye," and quotes this passage in illustration. Nares quotes Fleming, *Nomenclator*: "Ayant fort petits yeux. That hath little eyes: pink-eyed;" and Wilkins, *Alph. Dict.*: "pink-eyed, narrow eyed." For the old plural *yne*, cf. *M. N. D.* i. 1. 242, ii. 2. 99, iii. 2. 138, v. 1. 178, etc. We find it without the rhyme in *R. of L.* 1229 and *Per.* iii. prol. 5.

116. *Fats*. "Vats" (Pope's reading). Cf. *Joel*, ii. 24, iii. 13. See also Baret, *Alvearie*: "A fat, or vat. Orca."

117. *Hairs*. For the plural, cf. *M. of V.* i. 2. 9, iii. 2. 120, *C. of E.* iii. 2. 48, etc. Here, however, it may be used because more than one person is referred to. Cf. *Rich. II.* p. 206, note on *Sights*.

125. *The wild disguise*, etc. The wild intoxication hath almost made *antics* or buffoons (cf. *Rich. II.* p. 192) of us all. Clarke remarks: "The discriminative characterization developed in each of the revellers—Lepidus's satiety and solemn dulness floundering beneath the overpowering effect of the repeated healths or toasts with which he is plied; Octavius's reluctance at the subversion of his cold equanimity by the riot of the carousal and the effect of the wine; Enobarbus's mad spirits—yet he even at length giving token of being 'weaker than the wine,' Pompey's capital bit of maudlin ('O Antony, you have my father's house— But, what! we are friends'), half lingering resentment, half drunken magnanimity of forgiveness; the untouched strength of the seasoned Mark Antony, able to bear any amount of drained cups; together with the rich gusto and classical grape-crowned animation of the whole scene, combine to render this one of the most magnificently painted orgy-descriptions ever set down on paper. It glows before our eyes like a Rubens canvas. . . . The finishing the whole with a shout and a flinging-up of caps puts the finishing stroke of climax to this finely conceived scene of wild vivacity."

130. *Take heed*, etc. The 1st folio (followed substantially by the others) reads:

"*Eno.* Take heed you fall not *Menas*: Ile not on shore
No to my Cabin;" etc.

The editors have divided the speech in various ways; the arrangement in the text is Capell's.

135. *Hoo!* See on iii. 2. 11 below, and *Cor.* p. 220.

ACT III.

SCENE I.—1. *Struck.* "Alludes to *darting*: thou whose darts have so often struck others art struck now thyself" (Johnson).

4. *Thy Pacorus*, etc. Pacorus was the son of Orodes, king of Parthia.

10. *Chariots*. Walker and D. conjecture "chariot;" but, as Clarke remarks, "a plural form, used in this way, is not unfrequent among poets and poetic writers or speakers, to give the effect of amplitude and generalization."

13. *May make too great an act.* Make an act too great; that is, as the context shows, because it may excite the jealousy of one's superior in office.

15. *Him we serve's away.* For the "confusion of construction" (or "attraction," as some prefer to call it), cf. *A. Y. L.* i. 1. 46: "Ay, better than him I am before knows me," etc. See Gr. 208, and cf. 410. Pope of course changed *him* to "he."

24. *Darkens him.* Obscures himself. Cf. *Cor.* iv. 7. 5:

"And you are darken'd in this action, sir,
Even by your own."

28. *The which.* See Gr. 287.

29. *Grants.* Affords, allows. Warb. remarks: "The sense is this: 'Thou hast that, Ventidius, which if thou didst want, there would be no distinction between thee and thy sword. You would be both equally cutting and senseless.' This was wisdom or knowledge of the world."

34. *Jaded.* Driven like *jades*, or worthless nags (cf. *Rich.* II. p. 219).

SCENE II.—6. *'T is.* Used contemptuously; as in *M. of V.* iii. 3. 18, *Hen. V.* iii. 6. 70, *R. and J.* iv. 2. 14, etc. For the familiar use, cf. *Macb.* p. 168.

11. *Hoo!* The 1st folio has "How," the later folios "Oh!" or "Oh?" The folio often has *how* for *ho* or *hoo*, and we follow Clarke in reading the latter here as a favourite exclamation of Enobarbus. He adds: "The breathless fun of the present dialogue, its hurry of hyperbolical phrases heaped one atop of the other, as the speakers tumble them out in emulation of each other, for representation of what Lepidus says in exaggerated praise of both his objects of admiration, make one feel that S. himself enjoyed writing it."

12. *Thou Arabian bird!* The phoenix. Cf. *Cymb.* i. 6. 17: "She is alone the Arabian bird;" *Temp.* iii. 3. 22:

"Now I will believe
That there are unicorns, that in Arabia
There is one tree, the phoenix' throne, one phoenix
At this hour reigning there," etc.

16. *Hoo!* The reading of the first three folios; the 4th folio and most modern eds. have "Ho!"

17. *Cast.* Compute; as in *Sonn.* 49. 3, 2 *Hen. IV.* v. 1. 21, etc. Cf. ii. 6. 54 above.

Number=express in numbers, or verse; the only instance of this sense in S.

20. *Shards.* The horny wing-cases of the "sharded" (*Cymb.* iii. 3. 20) or "shard-borne beetle" (*Macb.* iii. 2. 42). The meaning is: "they are the wings that raise this *heavy lumpish insect* from the ground" (Steevens).

26. *As my farthest band*, etc. "As I will venture the greatest pledge of security on the trial of thy conduct" (Johnson); or, as I will pledge any thing that you will prove to be. For *band*=bond, cf. *Rich. II.* i. 1. 2, *1 Hen. IV.* iii. 2. 157, *C. of E.* iv. 2. 49, etc. For *aproof*, cf. *A. W.* ii. 5. 3: "of very valiant *aproof*" (=of approved valour), and see also *Id.* i. 2. 50.

28. *Piece of virtue.* Cf. *Temp.* i. 2. 56: "Thy mother was a piece of virtue;" and *Per.* iv. 6. 118: "Thou art a piece of virtue." For similar examples of *piece*=masterpiece, see *W. T.* iv. 4. 32, *Lear*, iv. 6. 137, and v. 2. 99 below.

29. *Cement.* S. accents both the noun and the verb (which occurs only in ii. 1. 48 above) on the first syllable.

32. *Mean.* Means; as often. Cf. iv. 6. 35 below, and see *R. and J.* p. 189.

35. *Curious.* Careful, punctilious, scrupulous. See *A. W.* p. 138 or *Cymb.* p. 179.

40. *The elements*, etc. The wish probably refers to her voyage to Egypt. Cf. *Oth.* ii. 1. 45:

"O let the heavens
Give him defence against the elements,
For I have lost him on a dangerous sea!"

Johnson explained it: "May the different *elements* of the body, or principles of life, maintain such proportion and harmony as may keep you cheerful." Cf. *J. C.* v. 5. 73, and see our ed. p. 185.

43. *The April's in her eyes.* Cf. *T. and C.* i. 2. 189: "he will weep you, an 't were a man born in April."

49. *At full of tide*, etc. Cf. 2 *Hen. IV.* ii. 3. 63:

"As with the tide swell'd up unto his height,
That makes a still-stand, running neither way."

52. *Were he a horse.* "A horse is said to have a *cloud in his face* when he has a black or dark-coloured spot between his eyes. This gives him a sour look, and, being supposed to indicate an ill temper, is of course regarded as a blemish" (Steevens).

57. *Rheum.* Cf. *T. and C.* v. 3. 105: "and I have a rheum in mine eyes too, and such an ache in my bones," etc. See *Wb.*

58. *Confound*. Destroy; as in ii. 5. 92 above. *Wail'd*=bewailed; as often. Cf. *V. and A.* 1017, *C. of E.* iv. 2. 24, *Cor.* iv. 1. 26, etc.

59. *Wept*. The folios have "weepe" or "weep," which Steevens defended. The editors generally adopt *wept*, which is due to Theo.

62. *Wrestle*. The 1st and 2d folios have "wrastle," which is still the vulgar pronunciation.

SCENE III.—2. *Go to, go to*. The 1st folio prints it "Go too, go too."

3. *Herod of Jewry*. See on i. 2. 27 above.

14. *As me*. See *Gr.* 210.

22. *Station*. Mode of standing. Cf. *Ham.* iii. 4. 58: "A station like the herald Mercury," etc.

24. *Breather*. Cf. *Sonn.* 81. 11: "When all the breathers of this world are dead." See also *A. Y. L.* iii. 2. 297.

25. *Observance*. Observation. Cf. *A. W.* iii. 2. 5: "By what observance, I pray you?" *Oth.* iii. 3. 151: "Out of his scattering and unsure observance," etc. So *make better note*=be better observers.

37. *As low as*. Capell conjectured "Lower than;" but the original is a cant phrase with that meaning.

41. *Proper*. "Nice;" often used in a complimentary way. See *Temp.* ii. 2. 63, *T. G. of V.* iv. 1. 10, etc.

43. *Harried*. Worried, used roughly; the only instance of the word in S. Minsheu, in his *Dict.*, 1617, defines the word, "To turmoile or vexe."

44. *No such thing*. That is, no such remarkable thing, nothing extraordinary.

46. *Defend*. Forbid. Cf. *Much Ado*, ii. 1. 98: "God defend the lute should be like the case!" etc.

SCENE IV.—3. *Semblable*. Like, similar; as in *1 Hen. IV.* v. 1. 72, *Ham.* v. 2. 124, etc.

9. *Not took't*. The 1st folio has "not look 't," and the 2d "had look 't;" corrected by Theo. Rowe reads "o'er-look'd," and the Coll. MS. has "but look'd."

10. *From his teeth*. That is, for form's sake, not from his heart. Cf. Dryden, *Wild Gallant*: "I am confident she is only angry from the teeth outward."

12. *Stomach*. Resent. See on ii. 2. 9 above.

15. *Presently*. At once; as in ii. 2. 159 above.

16. *O, bless my lord*, etc. Cf. *K. John*, iii. 1. 331 fol.

27. *Stain*. Eclipse, throw into the shade. Cf. *Sonn.* 35. 3: "Clouds and eclipses stain both moon and sun;" and *Rich. II.* iii. 3. 66:

"To dim his glory, and to stain the track
Of his bright passage to the occident."

Theo. reads "strain," Rann "stain" (=sustain), and Coll. "stay" (Boswell's conjecture).

28. *Your desires are yours*. You have what you desire.

32. *Solder*. The 1st and 2d folios have "soader" and the others "sodder."

SCENE V.—5. *Success*. Issue, that which *succeeds* or follows; as in ii. 4. 9 above. Cf. *T. and C.* ii. 2. 117: “Nor fear of bad success,” etc.

7. *Rivalry*. Copartnership, equality; the only instance of the word in S. Cf. *rivals*=associates, companions; as in *Ham.* i. 1. 13: “The rivals of my watch,” etc.

10. *Appeal*. Impeachment. See *Rich. II.* p. 150. *Up*=shut up.

12. *Then, world, thou hast*. The folios have “Then would thou hast;” corrected by Hanmer.

13. *A pair of chaps, no more*. The comma was first inserted by Theo. .

13. *And throw between them*, etc. “Cæsar and Antony will make war on each other, though they have the world to prey upon between them” (Johnson).

14. *The one the other*. The folios have simply “the other;” corrected by Capell (Johnson’s conjecture). Hanmer reads “each other.”

19. *More, Domitius*, etc. “I have something *more* to tell you, which I might have told at first, and delayed my news: Antony requires your presence” (Johnson).

SCENE VI.—3. *I' the market-place*, etc. See North, p. 157 above.

9. *Establishment*. Settled inheritance; the only instance of the word in S. *Establishment* he does not use at all, though he has both *establish* and *stablish* (1 *Hen. IV.* v. 1. 10).

10. *Lydia*. Johnson adopts Upton’s conjecture of “Lybia” (from Plutarch), but North has “Lydia.”

13. *He there*. The folios have “hither;” corrected by Johnson.

20. *Who*. That is, the people of *Rome*. *Queasy with*=disgusted with.

23. *Who*. The reading of the 1st folio, changed in the 2d to “Whom.” Cf. *M. of V.* ii. 6. 30: “For who love I so much?” *Cor. ii. 1. 8*: “Who does the wolf love?” etc. Gr. 274.

29. *Being*. That is, he being deposed. The folios have “And being that, we” or “And being that we.” Rowe corrected the pointing.

39. *Enter Octavia with her train*. The stage-direction in the folios. Some omit *with her train*, as inconsistent with what follows; but Cæsar simply wonders that she comes with so small a retinue. Antony had told her (iii. 4. 37 above) to take what “company” she pleased.

52. *Ostentation*. Changed by Theo. to “ostent,” for the sake of the metre. Walker conjectures “ostentation.”

53. *Left unlov'd*. The Coll. MS. has “held” for *left*, and Sr. conjectures “felt;” but it is not unlikely that S. wrote *left unlov'd*, which certainly suggests the meaning, though something of logical precision is sacrificed to the antithesis. The editors of the last century were not troubled by it, and it is retained by Coll. (in spite of his MS.), D., K., V., Clarke, and the Camb. ed. St. conjectures “left unpriz’d,” and W. adopts “held” without comment. Schmidt says that *left unlov'd* is=“not felt; to love a love being a phrase like to *think a thought*, etc.”

61. *Obstruct*. The folios have “abstract,” which Schmidt explains as “the shortest way for him and his desires, the readiest opportunity to encompass his wishes.” *Obstruct* was suggested by Warb., and is generally adopted by the editors.

67. *Who*. Referring to both of them.
 69. *Bocchus, the king of Libya*, etc. See North, p. 158 above.
 76. *More larger*. See Gr. 11.
Ay me. Changed by Hanmer and others to "Ah, me!" but see *C. of E.* p. 142.
 80. *Wrong led*. Misled; changed by Capell to "wrong'd."
 81. *In negligent danger*. In danger from being negligent.
 88. *Make them*. The folios have "makes his" or "make his;" corrected by Capell. Theo. reads "make their." Coll. gave "make his" (referring "his" to *justice*) in his 1st ed., but in his 2d he adopts Capell's reading.
 89. *Best of comfort*. "May the best of comfort be yours!" (Steevens). Rowe reads "Be of comfort."
 95. *Regiment*. Rule, sway. *Trull*=harlot; as in 1 *Hen. IV.* ii. 2. 28, etc. Johnson remarks that the word was not "a term of mere infamy, but one of slight contempt, as *wench* is now;" but there can be no doubt of its meaning here. Cf. 66 above.
 96. *Noises it*. Is noisy, or raises a disturbance. For the use of *it*, see Gr. 226.
 98. *Dear'st*. For contracted superlatives, see Gr. 473.

SCENE VII.—3. *Forspoke*. Spoken against, gainsaid. It often meant "to bewitch, or destroy by speaking" (Nares); as in Drayton, *Her. Epist.*:

"Their hellish power, to kill the ploughman's seed
 Or to forspake whole flocks as they did feed;"

The Witch of Edmonton:

"That my bad tongue, by their bad usage made so,
 Forespeaks their cattle, doth bewitch their corn;"

and Burton, *Anat. of Melan.*: "They are in despair, surely forespoken, or bewitched."

5. *Is 't not denounc'd against us?* Is not the war declared against us? See North, p. 158 above: "he proclaimed open war against Cleopatra," etc. Cf. the use of *denunciation* (=formal declaration) in *M. for M.* i. 2. 152. The folios read "If not, denounc'd," etc. Malone has "If not, denounce 't;" and Steevens, "Is 't not? Denounce," etc. The reading in the text is Rowe's.

20. *Take in Toryne*. Capture Toryne. See on i. 1. 23 above.

23. *Becom'd*. For the form, cf. *Cymb.* v. 5. 406: "He would have well becom'd this place." See also *R. and J.* p. 204.

26. *For that*. Because. Gr. 151, 287.

32. *Muleters*. Muleteers. The 1st folio has "militers," the other folios "muliters," which is the spelling in North. Cf. 1 *Hen. VI.* iii. 2. 68: "base muleters of France!" Similar forms are "enginer" (see *Ham.* p. 241), "pioneer" (*Ham.* p. 198, or *Oth.* p. 190), "mutiner" (*Cor.* p. 202), etc.

33. *Ingross'd by swift impress*. Got together by a hurried impression or levy. Cf. *Ham.* i. 1. 75: "impress of shipwrights," etc.

35. *Yare*. Light and manageable. Cf. North: "light of yarage." See also on ii. 2. 212 above.

36. *Fall you*. Befall you, come to you. Cf. *K. John*, p. 133, note on *Fair fall*, etc.

44. *Merely*. Entirely, absolutely. See *Temp.* p. 111, note on *We are merely cheated*, etc.

54. *Power*. Force, army. Cf. *J. C.* p. 168, note on *Are levying powers*.

57. *My Thetis!* My sea-nymph!

65. *But his whole action*, etc. Johnson explains this: "His whole conduct becomes ungoverned by the right, or by reason;" but we think it rather means that his action does not rest on that which makes its strength. Malone puts it thus: "His whole conduct in the war is not founded upon that which is his greatest strength (namely, his *land force*), but on the caprice of a woman, who wishes that he should fight by sea."

69. *Marcus Octavius*, etc. In the folios this speech is assigned to "Ven.," corrected by Pope. Coll. thinks that "Ven." may be an abbreviation of *Vennard*, the name of an actor. Cf. *T. of S.* p. 127, note on 86.

72. *Carries*. Has a range; probably from archery, as Steevens suggests. Cf. 2 *Hen. IV.* iii. 2. 52: "he would have carried you a forehand shaft a fourteen and fourteen and a half," etc.

73. *Distractions*. Divisions, detachments. Cf. *L. C.* 231: "Their distract parcels."

77. *Throes forth*. Cf. *Temp.* ii. 1. 231:

"a birth indeed
Which throes thee much to yield."

SCENE VIII.—5. *Prescript*. Direction, order; like *prescription* in *Hen. VIII.* i. 1. 151.

6. *Jump*. Hazard, stake; the only instance of the noun in S. Cf. the verb in *Macb.* i. 7. 7 (see our ed. p. 177), *Cor.* iii. 1. 154, and *Cymb.* v. 4. 188.

SCENE IX.—1. *Yond*. Not a contraction of *yonder*, as often printed. See *Temp.* p. 121.

2. *Battle*. Army; as in *K. John*, iv. 2. 78, *Hen. V.* iv. chor. 9, etc.

SCENE X.—2. *Antoniad*. The name of Cleopatra's ship. See North, p. 158 above.

5. *Synod*. In five out of the six passages in which S. uses the word, it refers to an assembly of the gods. See *A. Y. L.* p. 173.

6. *Cantle*. Piece; literally, corner. See 1 *Hen. IV.* p. 173.

7. *With*. By; as often. Gr. 193.

9. *Token'd*. Spotted. "The death of those visited by the plague was certain when particular eruptions appeared on the skin; and these were called *God's tokenes*" (Steevens). Cf. the use of the noun in *L. L. L.* v. 2. 423 (where there is a play upon the word):

"They have the plague, and caught it of your eyes;
These lords are visited; you are not free,
For the Lord's tokenes on you do I see;"

and *T. and C.* ii. 3. 187 :

“He is so plaguey proud that the death-tokens of it
Cry ‘no recovery.’”

10. *Ribaudred*. Lewd, profligate. Some have thought the word a corruption of *ribaud* or *ribald*; but “ribaudrous” and “ribaudous” are forms found in Baret and other writers of the time, and *ribaudred* may have been another then in use. Hamner reads “ribauld,” and Malone “ribald-rid.” Coll. has “ribald hag,” and Sr. “ribaured hag.”

13. *The elder*. The superior. Steevens compares (misquoting, as often) *J. C.* ii. 2. 46 :

“We are two lions litter’d in one day,
And I the elder and more terrible.”

14. *Brize*. Gadfly. Cf. *T. and C.* i. 3. 48 :

“The herd hath more annoyance by the brize
Than by the tiger.”

17. *Loof'd*. Luffed, brought close to the wind; the only instance of the word in S. Coll. suggests that it may be = “aloof’d.” (from *aloof*).

19. *Mallard*. Drake. Cf. the allusions to the timidity of the wild duck in *I. Hen. IV.* ii. 2. 108 and iv. 2. 21.

28. *Are you thereabouts?* Is that your opinion? Cf. *W. T.* i. 2. 378 : “t is thereabouts.”

31. *T is easy to t.* It is easy to go there. *Attend* = wait for.

35. *Wounded chance*. “Broken fortunes” (Malone). Johnson conjectured “chase” for *chance*.

36. *Sits*. Often used of the direction of the wind. Cf. *Much Ado*, ii. 3. 102, *M. of V.* i. 8, *Rich. II.* ii. 1. 265, ii. 2. 123, etc.

SCENE XI.—3. *Lated*. Belated; but not a contraction of that word. Cf. *Macb.* iii. 3. 6 : “the lated traveller;” and see our ed. p. 213.

17. *Sweep your way*. Cf. *Ham.* iii. 4. 204 : “they must sweep my way,” etc.

18. *Loathness*. Unwillingness, reluctance; as in *Temp.* ii. 1. 130 and *Cymb.* i. 1. 108.

21. *Possess you*. Put you in possession.

23. *For indeed I have lost command*. Let me entreat you to leave me; for indeed I have lost all power to command you to go (Steevens). Johnson explains it : “For I am not master of my own emotions.”

35. *He at Philippi*, etc. Cæsar at Philippi kept his sword in the scabbard, like one wearing it in the dance. Cf. *A. W.* ii. 1. 33 :

“no sword worn
But one to dance with;”

and see our ed. p. 146.

37. *The lean and wrinkled Cassius*. Cf. *J. C.* i. 2. 194 fol.

38. *Ended*. Cf. iv. 14. 22 below.

39. *Dealt on lieutenancy*. Acted by his lieutenants, fought by proxy. Cf. iii. 1. 16 above :

“Cæsar and Antony have ever won
More in their officer than person.”

40. *Squares*. Squadrons; as in *Hen. V.* iv. 2. 28: "our squares of battle."

44. *Unqualitied*. Unmanned, deprived of his natural *qualities*.

47. *Seize*. The 1st folio has "cease." *But*=unless.

50. *Unnoble*. Elsewhere S. uses *ignoble*.

52. *How I convey my shame*, etc. "How, by looking another way, I withdraw my ignominy from your sight" (Johnson).

54. *Stroy'd*. Destroyed; but not a-contraction of that word. See Wb.

57. *The strings*. That is, the heart-strings.

58. *Tow*. The folios have "stowe;" corrected by Rowe.

59. *Thy full*. "The full" in the folios; corrected by Theo.

62. *Treaties*. Proposals for a treaty. Cf. *K. John*, ii. 1. 481:

"Why answer not the double majesties
This friendly treaty of our threaten'd town?"

63. *Palter*. Shuffle, equivocate. See *J. C.* p. 145, or *Macb.* p. 254.

69. *Fall*. For the transitive use, cf. *R. of L.* 1551: "every tear he falls," etc. See also *J. C.* p. 169, note on *They fall their crests*.

Rates=rates as much as, is worth.

71. *Schoolmaster*. Euphronius, the preceptor of his children by Cleopatra.

SCENE XII.—3. *Argument*. Proof; as in *Much Ado*, ii. 3. 243: "no great argument of her folly," etc.

5. *Which*. Who; as often. Gr. 265.

10. *His*. Its; that is, "of the sea from which the dew-drop is exhaled" (Steevens).

12. *Requires*. Requests, asks. Cf. *Hen. VIII.* ii. 4. 144: "In humblest manner I require your highness," etc.

18. *Circle*. Crown; as in *K. John*, v. 1. 2: "The circle of my glory." Cf. *round* in *Macb.* i. 2. 59 and iv. 1. 88.

28. *And in our name*, etc. W. conjectures that we should read

"What she requires; and in our name add more
Offers from thine invention;"

and Walker:

"and more
From thine invention offer."

31. *Thyreus*. The folios have (as in iii. 13. 73 below) "Thidias;" corrected by Theo.

34. *Becomes his flaw*. "Conforms himself to this breach of his fortune" (Johnson).

36. *Power*. That is, bodily organ. Steevens compares *T. and C.* iv. 5. 57.

SCENE XIII.—1. *Think, and die*. Despond and die. Hanmer reads "Drink" and Tyrwhitt conjectures "Wink" for *Think*; but the word has the same meaning as "take thought" in *J. C.* ii. 1. 187: "take thought, and die for Cæsar." See our ed. p. 146. Cf. iv. 6. 35 below.

5. *Ranges*. Ranks; the only instance of the noun in S.

8. *Nick'd.* "Set the mark of folly on" (Steevens). Cf. *C. of E.* v. 1. 175: "nicks him like a fool;" and see our ed. p. 146.

10. *The mered question.* "The only cause of the dispute, the only subject of the quarrel" (Mason). *Mered* seems to be formed from *mere*, which Rowe substituted. Some take it to be from *meere*, to divide, and =limited. Cf. Spenser, *Ruines of Rome*, 22. 2: "Which mear'd her rule with Africa," etc. Johnson conjectured "mooted," and Mitford "admired."

11. *Course.* Follow, like a hunter *coursing* or chasing game. Cf. *Macb.* p. 175, note on *Cours'd.*

26. *Comparisons.* This may be = "comparative advantages," as several of the editors explain it; but we strongly suspect that it is a misprint for "caparisons," as Pope considered it. Cf. *V. and A.* 286: "For rich caparisons or trapping gay."

27. *Declin'd.* Fallen in fortune; as in *T. and C.* iii. 3. 76 and iv. 5. 189. W. thinks we should read "sword against sword declin'd" (cf. the second passage in *T. and C.*).

29. *High-battled.* Commanding proud armies (cf. *battle* in iii. 9. 2 above).

30. *Unstate.* Divest of state or dignity. Cf. *Lear*, i. 2. 108: "I would unstate myself," etc.

31. *Stag'd.* Exhibited as on a stage. Cf. v. 2. 217 below. See also *M. for M.* i. 1. 69: "to stago me to their eyes."

31. *Sworder.* Gladiator; as in 2 *Hen. VI.* iv. 1. 135: "A Roman sworder and banditto slave."

32. *A parcel of.* "Of a piece with" (Steevens).

34. *Suffer.* Suffer loss or injury.

41. *Square.* Quarrel. See on ii. 1. 45 above.

42. *The loyalty, etc.* That is, to be loyal to fools is to make our fidelity mere folly. Theo. changed *The* to "Tho'."

46. *Earns a place i' the story.* That is, wins renown, is esteemed a hero.

55. *Cæsar.* The 1st folio has "Cæsars," and Malone reads "Cæsar's."

71. *Shroud.* Shelter, protection. Cf. the verb, in 3 *Hen. VI.* iii. 1. 1: "Under this thick-grown brake we 'll shroud ourselves," etc. See also Spenser, *F. Q.* i. 1. 6: "That everie wight to shrowd it did constrain" (that is, the rain compelled them to seek shelter). The Coll. MS. adds "who is" after *shroud*.

74. *Deputation.* The folios have "disputation;" corrected by Theo. (the conjecture of Warb.). *In deputation* = by deputy or proxy.

77. *All-obeying.* Which all obey. Johnson conjectured "all-obeyed." See Gr. 372.

80. *If that.* For that as a "conjunctional affix," see Gr. 287.

81. *Give me grace.* Grant me the favour.

83. *Taking kingdoms in.* See on i. 1. 23 above.

85. *As.* As if. Cf. i. 2. 93 above and iv. 1. 1 below.

87. *Fullest.* Most complete, "full-fraught" (*Hen. V.* ii. 2. 139). Cf. *Oth.* ii. 1. 36: "a full soldier" (that is, a perfect one).

91. *A muss.* "A scramble, when any small objects are thrown down,

to be taken by those who can seize them" (Nares). Cf. B. J., *Magnetic Lady*, iv. 1:

"The moneys rattle not, nor are they thrown
To make a muss yet 'mong the gamesome suitors;"

Middleton, *Spanish Gipsy*: "They 'll throw down gold in musses ;" and Dryden, prol. to *Widow Ranter*:

"Bauble and cap no sooner are thrown down,
But there 's a muss of more than half the town."

93. *Jack*. For the contemptuous use, cf. *Rich.* III. i. 3. 72 :

"Since every Jack became a gentleman,
There 's many a gentle person made a Jack."

See also *Much Ado*, p. 164.

98. *Of she here*. Cf. *Oth.* iv. 2. 3 : "you have seen Cassio and she together," etc. Gr. 211.

109. *Feeders*. "Parasites" (Schmidt); as in *T. of A.* ii. 2. 168 : "riotous feeders." Some make it =servants.

112. *Seel*. Blind; originally a term of falconry. See *Macb.* p. 212.

120. *Luxuriously*. Wantonly, lewdly. The only sense of *luxury* in S. is lust (see *Ham.* p. 196, or *Hen. V.* p. 166); and so with its derivatives.

121. *Temperance*. Chastity; as in *R. of L.* 884: "Thou blow'st the fire when temperance is thaw'd."

124. *Quit*. Requite; as in 151 below.

127. *The hill of Basan*. See *Ps.* lxviii. 15, and cf. *Ps.* xxii. 12.

131. *Yare*. Ready, prompt. See on iii. 7. 35 above.

146. *Orbs*. Spheres. See on ii. 7. 14 above, and cf. iv. 15. 10 below.

149. *Enfranchis'd*. The folios have "enfranchised;" corrected by Theo. Cf. North, p. 161 above.

157. *Ties his points*? Does menial service; literally, fastens the *points*, or tagged lacings, of his trunk-hose. See *T. of S.* p. 150, or *W. T.* p. 196.

161. *Determines*. Comes to an end, dissolves. Cf. iv. 3. 2 below.

162. *Casarion*. Cf. iii. 6. 6 above. The folios have "smile" for *smite*; corrected by Hamner.

165. *Discandying*. Melting. The folios have "discandering;" corrected by Theo. (the conjecture of Thirlby). Rowe reads "discattering." Cf. iv. 12. 22 below. K. retains "discandering," which he takes to be = "dis-squandering" (cf. "squandered" = scattered, in *M. of V.* i. 3. 22).

171. *Fleet*. "Float" (Rowe's reading). Steevens cites *Edward II.*: "This isle shall fleet upon the ocean;" *Tamburlaine*, 1590: "fleeting with the tide," etc. See also Spenser, *F. Q.* ii. 12. 14:

"one of those same Islands which doe fleet
In the wide sea;"

Colin Clouts Come Home Againe, 286: "That seemd amid the surges for to fleet," etc.

175. *Will earn our chronicle*. "Will do such acts as shall deserve to be recorded" (Malone). Cf. 46 above.

180. *Nice*. Dainty, delicate, effeminate.

183. *Gaudy*. Joyous, festive; "still an epithet bestowed on feast days in the colleges of either university" (Steevens). "The etymology of the word," says Blount in his *Dict.*, "may be taken from Judge Gawdy, who (as some affirm) was the first institutor of those days; or rather from *gaudium*, because (to say truth) they are days of *joy*, as bringing good cheer to the hungry students."

191. *Peep*. For the ellipsis of *to*, see Gr. 349. Cf. iv. 6. 9 below.

192. *There's sap in 't yet*. Cf. *Lear*, iv. 6. 206: "there's life in 't"

197. *Estridge*. Ostrich. See I *Hen. IV.* p. 188.

199. *Preys on*. The folios have "in" for *on*; corrected by Rowe.

ACT IV.

SCENE I.—I. *As*. As if. See on iii. 13. 85 above.

5. *I have many other ways to die*. Hamner changed this to "He hath," etc., on the ground that Cæsar would not admit the probability of Antony's killing him; but it is probably said ironically. It is possible, however, that S. was misled by the ambiguous wording of the passage in North. See p. 162 above.

9. *Make boot of*. Take advantage of.

14. *Fetch him in*. Capture him. Cf. *Cymb.* iv. 2. 141:

"and swear
He'd fetch us in."

SCENE II.—7. *Woo't*. Provincial for *wouldst thou* or *wilt thou*. See *Ham.* p. 265. Cf. iv. 15. 59 below.

8. *Take all*. "Let the survivor take all. No composition; victory or death" (Johnson). Cf. *Lear*, iii. 1. 15: "And bids what will take all." Coll. says it is "an expression from the gaming-table, meaning, let all depend upon this hazard."

25. *Period*. End.

26. *Or if, a mangled shadow*. "Or if you see me more, you will see me a mangled shadow, only the external form of what I was" (Johnson). Cf. Gr. 64.

33. *Yield*. Reward. Cf. "God 'ield you!" in *Ham.* iv. 5. 41; and see our ed. p. 247, or *Macb.* p. 175.

35. *Onion-eyed*. See on i. 2. 161 above.

36. *Ho, ho, ho!* Used as an expression of mockery or rebuke. Cf. *M. N. D.* iii. 2. 421, *T. of A.* i. 2. 22, 117, etc. Some make it = "stop, desist" (=whoa, as addressed to a horse).

44. *Death and honour*. An honourable death.

SCENE III.—5. *Belike*. It is likely, probably. Cf. i. 2. 34 above.

13. *Music i' the air*. See North, p. 162 above.

14. *Signs well*. Is a good sign or omen.

23. *Give off*. Give out, cease. In *K. John*, v. 1. 27, the phrase is transitive (=resign).

SCENE IV.—2. *Chuck.* Chick. Cf. *Macb.* p. 212.

3. *Mine iron.* The folios have "thine" for *mine*; corrected by Hanmer. Malone explains "thine iron" as "the iron which thou hast in thy hand."

5-8. In the 1st folio (followed substantially by the other folios) this passage reads thus:

"Cleo. Nay, Ile helpe too, *Anthony*.
What's this for? Ah let be, let be, thou art
The Armourer of my heart: False, false: This, this,
Sooth-law Ile helpe: Thus it must bee."

The arrangement in the text was suggested by Capell. Coll. gives *Thus it must be* to Antony; but it seems to be Cleopatra's remark about the armour she is trying to adjust.

13. *Daff't.* Doff it, take it off. The folios have "daft" or "doft." See *Much Ado*, p. 138, note on *Daffed*. For *hear* the Coll. MS. has "bear."

15. *Tight.* "Handy, adroit" (Steevens). Cf. *tightly* (= adroitly) in *M.W.* i. 3. 88 and ii. 3. 67.

16. *My wars.* For the plural, cf. *Cor.* p. 205.

23. *Port.* Gate. See *Cor.* p. 211, or 2 *Hen. IV.* p. 192. See on i. 3. 46 above.

24. *The morn is fair*, etc. The folios give this speech to "Alex," but he has already revolted; corrected by Rowe.

25. *Blown.* Referring to the trumpets. H. takes it to refer to the morning, "the metaphor being implied of night blossoming into day."

28. *Well said.* Well done; as often. See *Oth.* p. 174, or *R. and J.* p. 161.

31. *Check.* Reproof. Cf. *Oth.* p. 158.

32. *Mechanic.* Vulgar; "such as becomes a journeyman" (Schmidt).

SCENE V.—1. *The gods*, etc. The folios give this and the two next speeches of the Soldier to Eros; corrected by Theo. (the conjecture of Thirlby).

14. *Subscribe.* Sign it.

17. *Dispatch.—Enobarbus!* The 2d folio has "Dispatch Eros;" and Theo. reads "dispatch my Eros!" Steevens adopts Ritson's conjecture of "Eros, dispatch!"

SCENE VI.—2. *Took.* S. uses the forms *took*, *taken*, and *ta'en* for the participle.

6. *The three-nook'd world.* Cf. *K. John*, v. 7. 116: "Come the three corners of the world in arms," etc.

7. *Shall bear the olive freely.* Cf. 2 *Hen. IV.* iv. 4. 87: "But peace puts forth her olive everywhere."

9. *Plant.* For the ellipsis of *to*, see on iii. 13. 191 above.

13. *Persuade.* The folios have "disswade;" corrected by Rowe. Cf. *North*, p. 161 above.

17. *Entertainment.* Employment. Cf. *A. W.* p. 162, or *Cor.* p. 252.

26. *Saf'd.* Gave safe conduct to. Cf. i. 3. 55 above. For the metre Rowe (2d ed.) reads "see safe," and Steevens "that you saf'd."

34. *This blows my heart.* "This generosity swells my heart, so that it will quickly break, 'if thought break it not, a swifter mean'" (Johnson). Rowe reads "bows" for *blows*.

35. *Thought.* Sorrowful reflection, taking to heart. See on iii. 13. 1 above. For *mean*, see on iii. 2. 32 above.

SCENE VII.—2. *Our oppression.* The *oppression*, or "opposition" (Hamner's reading), we experience.

5. *Droven.* Changed by Capell to "driven." For these irregular participial forms, see Gr. 344.

6. *With clouds about their heads.* That is, with their broken heads tied up. Cf. *J. C.* ii. 1. 314. Perhaps it may be="with knocks about the head," which the phrase sometimes meant.

8. *An H.* With a play upon the pronunciation of *H*, which was the same as that of the noun *ache*. See *Much Ado*, p. 150, note on 49, and cf. *Temp.* p. 119. *H.* is "unable to explain" why the wound is *like a T*. Probably the shape of the gash is referred to.

10. *Scotches.* Cuts, wounds. Cf. the verb in *Cor.* iv. 5. 198: "scotched him and notched him like a carbonado."

16. *Come thee.* Here *thee* is probably a corruption of *thou*. See Gr. 212.

SCENE VIII.—2. *Gests.* Exploits (Latin *gesta*). The folios have "guests;" corrected by Theo. (the conjecture of Warb.).

5. *Doughty-handed.* Stout of hands.

6. *As.* As if. See on i. 2. 93 above.

7. *Shown.* Shown yourselves, appeared; as in ii. 2. 145 and iii. 3. 23 above.

8. *Clip.* Embrace. See on *inclips*, ii. 7. 69 above.

11. *Whole.* That is, making them *whole* or sound again.

12. *Fairy.* Enchantress.

15. *Proof of harness.* Armour of proof. Cf. *Rich. II.* i. 3. 73: "Add proof unto my armour with thy prayers;" and see our ed. p. 162.

16. *Triumphing.* For the penultimate accent, cf. i *Hen. IV.* v. 4. 14, v. 3. 15, *Rich. III.* iii. 4. 91, iv. 4. 59, etc. Gr. 490.

17. *Virtue.* Valour (Latin *virtus*). Cf. *Cor.* ii. 2. 88: "valour is the chiefest virtue." See also *Id.* i. 1. 41, *Leav.* v. 3. 103, etc.

20. *Something.* Somewhat; as often.

22. *Get goal for goal,* etc. Win goal for goal, get the better of youth in the contest.

25. *Mankind.* "Accented mostly on the last syllable in *T. of A.*, on the first in the other plays" (Schmidt).

28. *Carbuncled,* etc. Cf. *Cymb.* v. 5. 189:

"had it been a carbuncle
Of Phœbus' wheel."

31. *Owe.* Own; as very often. Cf. *Rich. II.* iv. 1. 184: "That owes two buckets;" and see our ed. p. 204.

Warb. explained *hack'd targets*, etc., as = "hacked as much as the men to whom they belong" (cf. Gr. 419a), which may be right. Johnson gives it: "Bear our hacked targets with spirit and exultation, such as becomes the brave warriors that own them."

34. *Drink carouses*. Cf. *T. of S.* i. 2. 277: "And quaff carouses to our mistress' health." See also the verb in *Ham.* v. 2. 300, *Oth.* ii. 3. 55, etc.

37. *Tabourines*. Drums. Cf. *T. and C.* iv. 5. 275: "Beat loud the tabourines."

SCENE IX.—2. *The court of guard*. The guard-room, or the place where the guard musters. Cf. *Oth.* ii. 1. 220 and 1 *Hen. VI.* ii. 1. 4.

3. *Embattle*. Cf. *Hen. V.* iv. 2. 14: "The English are embattled," etc.

5. *Shrewd*. Bad, evil; the original sense of the word. See *J. C.* p. 145, or *Hen. VIII.* p. 202.

8. *Revolted*. Who have revolted. Cf. 1 *Hen. IV.* iv. 2. 31: "revolted tapsters," etc.

Record. The noun is accented by S. on either syllable, as suits the measure. Cf. *Rich.* III. p. 207.

13. *Dispone*. Drop, let fall; changed by Hanmer to "disperse." Cf. *Temp.* iv. 1. 65: "spongy April;" and *Cymb.* iv. 2. 349: "the spongy south."

15. *Throw my heart*, etc. A conceit in keeping with the taste of the time. Johnson laments it thus: "The pathetic of Shakespeare too often ends in the ridiculous. It is painful to find the gloomy dignity of this noble scene destroyed by the intrusion of a conceit so far-fetched and unaffected."

20. *Particular*. Personal relation. Cf. i. 3. 54 above.

22. *Fugitive*. Deserter; as in 1 *Hen. VI.* iii. 3. 67: "thrust out like a fugitive."

29. *Raught*. Reached. Cf. 2 *Hen. VI.* ii. 3. 43: "This staff of honour raught, there let it stand." We find it as the past tense in *L. L. L.* iv. 2. 41, *Hen. V.* iv. 6. 21 (see our ed. p. 180), and 3 *Hen. VI.* i. 4. 68. *Reached* occurs only in *Oth.* i. 2. 24, where it is the participle.

30. *Demurely*. The word has been suspected, but we agree with Clarke that it not inaptly expresses "the solemnly measured beat, the gravely regulated sound of drums that summon sleeping soldiers to wake and prepare themselves for a second day's fighting after a first that has just been described by the listeners as a *shrewd one to us*." The Coll. MS. has "Do early."

SCENE X.—7. *They have put forth the haven*. This is all that the folios give for the line. The obvious gap has been variously filled; as by Rowe with "Further on," by Capell with "Hie we on," by W. with "Ascend we now," etc. The reading in the text is due to D., and is adopted by the Camb. editors.

SCENE XI.—1. *But being charg'd*, etc. Unless we are charged, we will remain quiet by land, as, I take it, we shall be allowed to be.

SCENE XII.—1. *Yet they are not.* They are not yet. For the transposition, cf. ii. 1. 49 above.

3. *Swallows have built*, etc. See North, p. 158 above.

4. *Augurers.* The folios have “auguries;” corrected by Capell. Pope has “augurs.” For *augurers*, cf. v. 2. 332 below; and see also *Cor.* p. 218.

13. *Triple-turn'd.* Thrice faithless. Cf. iii. 13. 116 fol. above.

15. *Only wars on thee.* War only on thee. Cf. Gr. 420.

16. *Charm.* Charmer (as in 25 below), in the sense of witch or sorceress. Cf. *spell* in 30 below.

18. *Uprise.* Cf. *T. A.* iii. 1. 159: “the sun’s uprise.”

21. *Spaniel'd.* The folios have “pannelled;” happily corrected by Hamner. Theo. reads “pantler'd” (the conjecture of Warb.); and Jackson suggests “pan-kneel'd”!

22. *Discandy.* See on iii. 13. 165 above.

25. *Soul.* Changed by Capell to “soil,” and by the Coll. MS. to “spell.” Walker conjectures “snake.” For *grave* (which may be =deadly, destructive, as Steevens explains it), Pope has “gay,” the Coll. MS. “great,” and Sr. (2d ed.) “grand.”

26. *Beck'd.* Beckoned, called by a look or nod. Cf. *K. John*, iii. 3. 13: “When gold and silver becks me to come on.”

27. *Crownet.* The *crown* of my wishes and endeavours. Cf. v. 2. 91 below.

28. *Right.* Truly deserving the name, very; as in *M. N. D.* iii. 2. 302, *A. Y. L.* iii. 2. 103, 127, 290, etc.

At fast and loose. An old cheating game. See *K. John*, p. 156.

34. *Plebeians.* Accented on the first syllable, as in *Cor.* i. 9. 7 and v. 4. 39. See our ed. p. 212.

36. *Be shown*, etc. Be made a show for the lowest and stupidest of the people. With K. and V., we follow the reading of the folios. The editors generally adopt Thirlby’s conjecture of “doits” for *dolts*, and explain *poor'st diminutives* as = the pettiest of small coin. But the reference is to Cleopatra’s being led in triumph through the streets of Rome, a “free show” for the rabble, not to her being exhibited for a fee. Besides it seems more natural for Antony to emphasize the low character of the spectators than the pettiness of the price charged, if there were any. The only other instance of *diminutives* in S. is *T. and C.* v. 1. 38, where it means insignificant persons. *Monster-like* = as a monster or monstrosity; but of course it is not necessary to see any reference to the fact that monsters were exhibited for money (cf. *Temp.* ii. 2. 30 fol.).

39. *Prepared.* “Which she suffered to grow for this purpose” (Warb.).

43. *Nessus.* Alluded to again in *A. W.* iv. 3. 281.

44. *Mine ancestor.* See on i. 3. 84 above.

45. *Lichas.* The servant of Hercules who brought the poisoned shirt from Dejanira, and was thrown by his master into the sea. Cf. *M. of V.* ii. 1. 32.

47. *Worthiest.* That is, of being *subdued*, or destroyed. H. says: “Though Antony here uses the word *self*, his thoughts are really upon

Hercules, with whom for the moment he identifies himself." This is Heath's explanation and may possibly be right, though the other seems to us simpler and more natural.

48. *Young*. Omitted by Hanmer.

SCENE XIII.—2. *Telamon for his shield*. That is, Ajax. Telamon for the armour of Achilles, the celebrated *shield* being the most valuable part of it.

The boar of Thessaly was the boar killed by Meleager.

3. *Emboss'd*. Foaming at the mouth; a hunter's term. Cf. *T. of S.* p. 126.

SCENE XIV.—8. *Pageants*. The metaphor is taken from the theatrical exhibitions so called. Cf. *Temp.* iv. 1. 155, *T. G. of V.* iv. 4. 164, *L. L. L.* v. 1. 118, *A. Y. L.* ii. 7. 138, iii. 4. 55, etc.

Hazlitt remarks: "This is, without doubt, one of the finest pieces of poetry in Shakespeare. The splendour of the imagery, the semblance of reality, the lofty range of picturesque objects hanging over the world, their evanescent nature, the total uncertainty of what is left behind,—are just like the mouldering schemes of human greatness."

10. *The rack distilus*. The floating vapour effaces or blots out. For *rack*, cf. *Ham.* p. 211, or *Temp.* p. 137.

12. *Knave*. In its original sense of boy or servant. Cf. *M. of V.* p. 137.

18. *Moe*. More; used only with a plural or collective noun. See *A. Y. L.* p. 176.

• 19. *Pack'd cards*. A term for shuffling them unfairly. In *triumph* Warb. sees a play upon its sense of "trump" (Fr. *triomphe*), but this is doubtful.

22. *End*. See on iii. 11. 38 above.

26. *Die the death*. Cf. *M. for M.* ii. 4. 165, *M. N. D.* i. 1. 65, *Cymb.* iv. 2. 96, etc. See also *Matt.* xv. 4.

33. *Render'd*. Rendered up, gave up. Cf. iii. 10. 32 above.

39. *The battery from my heart*. Boswell explains this: "the battery proceeding from my heart, which is strong enough to break through the sevenfold shield of Ajax; I wish it were strong enough to cleave my sides and destroy me."

40. *Continent*. Container. Cf. *M. N. D.* p. 142.

41. *Crack*. Cf. *Lear*, ii. 1. 92: "my old heart is crack'd—it's crack'd!" See also *Cor.* p. 196.

46. *Length*. Steevens conjectured "life," but *length* is more expressive as = lengthening out of life.

49. *Seal then*, etc. The metaphor is taken from sealing a legal document, which completes it.

53. *Æneas*. Hanmer reads "Sichæus" (the conjecture of Warb.), as Virgil represents Dido as shunning Æneas in the lower world and seeking her former husband; but S. forgot for the moment that the lovers were not associated in death as in life.

60. *Less noble mind*. Being of less noble mind; an ellipsis not unlike

many others in S. Rowe and Pope read "less noble-minded." Cf. North, p. 163 above.

61. *Which*. Who; as in iii. 12. 5 above.

63. *Exigent*. Exigency; as in *J. C.* v. 1. 19: "Why do you cross me in this exigent?" On the passage, cf. *J. C.* v. 3. 36 fol.

65. *Prosecution*. Pursuit; the only instance of the word in S.

68. *Defeat'st*. Destroyest. Cf. *Oth.* iv. 2. 160: "defeat my life," etc.

72. *Window'd*. At a window. The only other instance of the word in S. is *Lear*, iii. 4. 31: "loop'd and window'd raggedness."

73. *Pleach'd*. Folded. Cf. its use=interwoven, interwoven, in *Much Ado*, iii. 1. 7: "the pleached bower."

74. *Corrigible*. Submissive to correction. In *Oth.* i. 3. 329 it is=corrective. S. uses the word only twice.

75. *Penetrative*. Used by S. only here.

76. *Branded*, etc. "Branded with baseness him who followed" (Clarke).

79. *That thy*. See on ii. 3. 20 above.

80. *Useful*. For the adverbial use, see Gr. 1. S. uses the word elsewhere only in *K. John*, v. 2. 81. So he has *useless* only twice: *Temp.* v. 1. 60 and *R. of L.* 859 (where it is adverbial).

87. *Lo thee!* W. conjectures "Lo there!" Cf. *W. T.* i. 2. 106: "Why, lo you now!"

98. *Got upon me*. Forestalled me in gaining. Cf. *win upon* in ii. 4. 9 above.

107. *Period*. End; as in iv. 2. 25 above.

112. *This tidings*. Hanmer reads "these" for *this*; but S. makes *tidings* both singular and plural. Cf. ii. 5. 87 above with v. 1. 27 below. See also *Rich. II.* p. 177.

113. *Enter me with him*. Secure me a place in his favour, recommend me to him.

117. *Sufficing strokes for death*. Strokes sufficient for death. Cf. Gr. 419a. See also on iv. 8. 31 above.

123. *Dispos'd*. Made terms.

136. *To grace it*. By gracing it. Cf. Gr. 356.

SCENE XV.—7. *But not dead*. To fill out the line, Steevens conjectures "madam, but not dead;" and Keightley reads "but he is not dead."

10. *Sphere*. See on ii. 7. 15 above. If the crystalline sphere in which the sun was set were destroyed, the sun must fall and the earth become dark. For *darkling*, cf. *M. N. D.* ii. 2. 86 and *Lear*, i. 4. 237. For *shore* H. reads "star," explaining "the varying star o' the world" as "the changing moon."

19. *Importune*. Accented on the penult, as always in S. Cf. *Ham.* p. 190. Gr. 490.

21. *Dare not*. That is, dare not descend from the monument. Theo. inserted "Come down" after *lips*.

23. *Imperious*. Imperial. See *Ham.* p. 264.

25. *Brooch'd*. Adorned, as with a brooch. Cf. the noun in *Ham.* iv. 7. 94:

"he is the brooch indeed
And gem of all the nation."

See also *Rich.* II. v. 5. 66.

26. *Edge, sting, or operation*. The order does not follow that in the preceding line, and Hammer therefore read "operation, or sting;" but cf. *R.* and *L.* 615, 616:

"For princes are the glass, the school, the book,
Where subjects' eyes do learn, do read, do look."

28. *Still conclusion*. "Sedate determination; silent coolness of resolution" (Johnson). Schmidt is perhaps right in making it = "silently drawing inferences in surveying and examining my appearance." Nares explains it similarly, as = "deep but quiet censure, looking demure all the while;" and V. endorses this interpretation. The Coll. MS. has "still condition."

29. *Demuring*. Looking demurely, or with affected modesty.

32. *Here's sport indeed!* Said, of course, with bitter but most pathetic irony. Johnson supposed it to mean "here's trifling, you do not work in earnest;" and Steevens that it was intended "to inspire Antony with cheerfulness, and encourage those who were engaged in the melancholy task."

33. *Heaviness*. The play upon the word (in its senses of *sorrow* and *weight*) is in keeping with what precedes.

38. *Where*. The folios have "when;" corrected by Pope.

39. *Quicken*. Revive, become *quick* (see *Ham.* p. 262, or *Hen. V.* p. 156) or alive. Cf. *Lear*, iii. 7. 39: "These hairs . . . Will quicken and accuse thee."

44. *The false huswife Fortune*. Cf. *Hen. V.* v. 1. 85: "Doth Fortune play the huswife with me now?" See also *A. Y. L.* p. 141, note on 27. For the contemptuous use of *huswife*, cf. *Oth.* iv. 1. 95; and for the spelling, see *Cor.* p. 205.

47. *Gentle*. Cf. *W. T.* iv. 4. 46: "Be merry, gentle," etc.

59. *Woo't*. See on iv. 2. 7 above.

64. *The garland of the war*. Cf. *Cor.* i. 1. 188: "Him vile that was your garland." See also *Id.* i. 9. 60 and ii. 2. 105.

65. *The soldier's pole*. "He at whom the soldiers pointed as at a pageant held high for observation" (Johnson); "their standard or rallying point" (Clarke); "their loadstar" (Schmidt). Clarke is probably right.

66. *Odds*. Generally singular in S., but sometimes plural; as in *M. for M.* iii. 1. 41: "these odds," etc.

67. *Remarkable*. As St. remarks, the word, in the poet's time, "bore a far more impressive and appropriate meaning than with us; it then expressed not merely observable or noteworthy, but something profoundly striking and uncommon."

73. *E'en a woman*. The folios have "in a woman;" corrected by Capell. This is said in reply to Iras. See p. 19 above.

75. *Chares*. Drudgery; the Yankee "chores." Cf. the English "char-woman." S. uses the word only here and in v. 2. 231 below.

76. *Injurious*. Malignant.

78. *Naught*. Worthless, vile; usually spelt *naught* in this sense in the early eds., as *nought* when = nothing. See *A. Y. L.* p. 142, or *Rich. III.* p. 182.

79. *Sottish*. Stupid; the only instance of the word in S. For *sot* = dolt, fool, see *Lear*, p. 235, or *Temp.* p. 132.

85. *Sirs*. For the feminine use, cf. *L. L. L.* iv. 3. 211. See also the use of *sirrah* in v. 2. 229 below. D. quotes B. and F., *The Coxcomb*, iv. 3, where the mother says to Viola, Nan, and Madge, "Sirs, to your tasks;" and *A King and No King*, ii. 1:

"Pan. Sirs, leave me all. [*Exeunt Waiting-women*.]"

89. *Case*. Cf. iv. 14. 41 above. See also *T. N.* v. 1. 168.

ACT V.

SCENE I.—2. *Frustate*. Frustrated. A trisyllable, like *mistress* in ii. 5. 27 above. Gr. 477.

He mocks the pauses, etc. That is, they are mere mockery. Hanmer reads "he but mocks," and Malone "mocks us by."

5. *Appear thus*. That is, with a drawn and bloody sword (Steevens).

15. *The round world*. The line is imperfect, and something may have been lost; but it is not unintelligible as it stands. "S. seems to mean that the death of so great a man ought to have produced effects similar to those which might have been expected from the dissolution of the universe, when all distinctions shall be lost" (Johnson).

21. *Self*. Same. Cf. *C. of E.* v. 1. 10: "that self chain," etc. Gr. 20.

24. *Splitted*. For the form, cf. *C. of E.* i. 1. 104, v. 1. 308, and *2 Hen. VI.* iii. 2. 411. For the expression, cf. *Rich. III.* i. 3. 300: "When he shall split thy very heart with sorrow," etc. The Coll. MS. reads "split that self noble heart."

27. *Tidings*. The 2d folio has "a tydings," which helps out the measure. *But it is* = if it be not. Cf. v. 2. 103 below.

28. *And strange it is*, etc. The folios give this, and the next speech but one, to Dolabella (who has gone); corrected by Theo.

31. *Wag'd*. The reading of the 1st folio. The 2d has "way," and the 3d and 4th "may." Rowe reads "weigh'd," and Ritson conjectures "weigh." *Wag'd* seems to be = "were opposed to each other in just proportions, like the counterparts of a wager."

32. *Steer humanity*. Control a human frame.

36. *Lance*. The folios have "launch," which is merely an old form of the word.

37. *Perforce*. Of necessity; as in iii. 4. 6 above.

39. *Look*. Changed by Hanmer to "look'd;" but the present is better: or look, as I *now* do, on thine. *Stall* = dwell.

43. *In top of all design.* In the height of all design, in all lofty endeavour.

46. *His.* Its; referring to *mine*, that is, my *heart*.

47. *Unreconcilable.* The reading of the 1st and 2d folios, and favoured by the metre.

Should divide, etc. "That is, should have made us, in our equality of fortune, disagree to a pitch like this, that one of us must die" (Johnson).

50. *The business of this man looks out of him.* Cf. *Macb.* i. 2. 46:

"What a haste looks through his eyes! So should he look
That seems to speak things strange."

52. *A poor Egyptian yet.* "Yet a servant of the queen of Egypt, though soon to become a subject of Rome" (Johnson). Clarke takes *yet* to be = till now: "I have been hitherto no more than a poor Egyptian; but at present—now that my queen is bereft of all—I am messenger from Cleopatra to Octavius Cæsar."

59. *Live.* The folios have "leave;" corrected by Rowe. Capell reads "Leave to be gentle," ending 59 at *cannot*. D. has "learn" (the conjecture of Tyrwhitt).

65. *Her life in Rome*, etc. Her living presence in Rome would add eternal glory to our triumph. Hanmer reads "eternaling" for *eternal in* (the conjecture of Thirlby).

SCENE II.—*A Room in the Monument.* As Malone notes, the dramatist has here attempted to exhibit at once the outside and the inside of a building. This was possible on the old stage, on account of the balcony at the back, in which Cleopatra and her two attendants would be placed, while the Romans would appear in front below. Cf. *T. of S.* p. 128, note on *Enter aloft*, etc.

3. *Knave.* Servant. See on iv. 14. 12 above.

4. *And it is great*, etc. "The difficulty of the passage, if any difficulty there be, arises only from this, that the act of suicide and the state which is the effect of suicide are confounded. Voluntary death, says she, is an act *which bolts up change*; it produces a state which has no longer need of the gross and terrene sustenance, in the use of which Cæsar and the beggar are on a level" (Johnson).

Theo. and some modern editors adopt Warburton's conjecture of "dug" for *dung*; but, as W. remarks, the latter word is "expressive of the speaker's bitter disgust of life." Cf. i. 1. 35 above:

"our dungy earth alike
Feeds beast as man;"

and *T. of A.* iv. 3. 444:

"the earth 's a thief
That feeds and breeds by a composture stolen
From general excrement."

See also on 280 below.

21. *With thanks.* That is, with thanks *for*. The ellipsis of the preposition is not uncommon when it has been already expressed (Gr. 394) or can be readily supplied. Cf. 64 below.

27. *Pray in aid.* "A term used for a petition made in a court of justice for the calling in of help from another that hath an interest in the cause in question" (Hanmer).

29. *I send him, etc.* I deliver up to him the power he has won.

35. *You see how easily, etc.* The 1st folio gives this speech to "Pro," the later folios transfer it to "Char." Malone was the first to see that it belongs to Gallus. Cf. the extract from North, p. 165 above.

42. *Languish.* Lingering disease or suffering. Cf. *R. and J.* i. 2. 49: "One desperate grief cures with another's languish."

48. *Worth many babes and beggars!* "Why, death, wilt thou not rather seize a queen than employ thy force upon babes and beggars?" (Johnson).

Temperance=moderation, self-control.

50. *If idle talk will once be necessary.* A puzzling line. Johnson explains it: "if it be necessary now for once to waste a moment in idle talk of my purpose;" and Steevens: "if it be necessary for once to talk of performing impossibilities." Malone supposes a line to have been lost after 50, like "I'll not so much as syllable a word;" and Ritson would insert "I will not speak, if sleep be necessary." Capell changes *sleep* to "speak." Hanmer and the Coll. MS. have "accessary" for *necessary*. Mr. C. J. Monro thinks that the *idle talk* is to be made *necessary*, or useful, in keeping her awake. Of these interpretations, Johnson's is as nearly satisfactory as any. Clarke puts it thus: "if it be needful to prate of my intentions."

54. *Chastis'd.* Accented by S. on the penult. Cf. *Rich.* II. ii. 3. 104, *Macb.* i. 5. 26, etc. Gr. 491.

55. *Dull Octavia.* Mrs. Jameson remarks: "I do not understand the observation of a late critic [Hazlitt] that in this play 'Octavia is only a dull foil to Cleopatra.' Cleopatra requires no foil, and Octavia is not dull, though in a moment of jealous spleen her accomplished rival gives her that epithet. It is possible that her beautiful character, if brought more forward and coloured up to the historic portrait, would still be eclipsed by the dazzling splendour of Cleopatra's; for so I have seen a flight of fire-works blot out for a while the silver moon and ever-burning stars. But here the subject of the drama being the love of Antony and Cleopatra, Octavia is very properly kept in the background, and far from any competition with her rival: the interest would otherwise have been unpleasantly divided, or rather Cleopatra herself must have served but as a foil to the tender, virtuous, dignified, and generous Octavia, the very *beau ideal* of a noble Roman lady—

"whose beauty claims
No worse a husband than the best of men,
Whose virtue and whose general graces speak
That which none else can utter" (ii. 2. 128).

"The character of Octavia is merely indicated in a few touches, but every stroke tells. We see her with 'downcast eyes sedate and sweet, and looks demure'—with her modest tenderness and dignified submission—the very antipodes of her rival! Nor should we forget that she

has furnished one of the most graceful similes in the whole compass of poetry, where her soft equanimity in the midst of grief is compared to

‘the swan’s down-feather,
That stands upon the swell at full of tide,
And neither way inclines’ (iii. 2. 48).

“The fear which seems to haunt the mind of Cleopatra, lest she should be ‘chastised by the sober eye’ of Octavia, is exceedingly characteristic of the two women: it betrays the jealous pride of her who was conscious that she had forfeited all real claim to respect; and it places Octavia before us in all the majesty of that virtue which could strike a kind of envying and remorseful awe even into the bosom of Cleopatra. What would she have thought and felt, had some soothsayer foretold to her the fate of her own children, whom she so tenderly loved? Captives, and exposed to the rage of the Roman populace, they owed their existence to the generous, admirable Octavia, in whose mind there entered no particle of littleness. She received into her house the children of Antony and Cleopatra, educated them with her own, treated them with truly maternal tenderness, and married them nobly.”

59. *Nak'd.* The folio printing, indicating that the word is monosyllabic. D. gives examples of the contraction from Chapman’s *Homer*.

61. *Pyramides.* The Latin plural was sometimes used for the sake of the measure. Steevens cites, among other instances, *Doctor Faustus*, 1604: “Besides the gates and high pyramides;” and *Tamburlaine*, 1590: “Like to the shadows of pyramides.” Hanmer reads “highest pyramid.”

64. *Find cause.* Capell adds “for it.” See on 21 above.

66. *For the queen.* The 2d folio reads “as for the queen.”

81. *The little O, the earth.* The folios have “o’ th’ earth” or “oth’ earth,” changed by Theo. to “O o’ th’ earth,” and by Hanmer to “orb o’ th’ earth.” The reading in the text is Steevens’s. Cf. *Hen. V.* prol. 13: “this wooden O” (the Globe theatre); and see also *M. N. D.* p. 165.

82. *Bestrid.* The only form of the past tense and participle of *bestride* in S. Cf. *J. C.* i. 2. 135:

“Why, man, he doth bestride the narrow world
Like a Colossus.”

83. *Crested.* An allusion to the familiar use of a raised arm as a crest in heraldry. *Was propertied as* = had the properties of, was as musical as. For the allusion to the “music of the spheres,” cf. *A. Y. L.* ii. 7. 6, *T. N.* iii. 1. 121, *M. of V.* v. 1. 60, etc.

87. *Autumn.* The folios have “*Anthony*,” corrected by Theo. Corson would retain the old reading, seeing in it an allusion to the Greek ἄυθος or ἄυθίνομος, which he strangely thinks could mean “a flowering pasturage.”

91. *Crownets.* Coronets. Cf. iv. 12. 27 above.

92. *Plates.* Silver coin (Spanish *plata*).

98. *Vie.* Rival, or produce in rivalry.

99. *Were nature’s piece.* “The word *piece* is a term appropriated to works of art. Here Nature and Fancy produce each their *piece*, and the

piece done by Nature had the preference. Antony was in reality *past the size of dreaming*; he was more by *nature* than *fancy* could present in sleep" (Johnson). For this use of *piece*, cf. *W. T.* v. 2. 104, v. 3. 38, *T. of A.* i. 1. 28, 255, v. 1. 21, etc. We might explain the word here as=model, masterpiece; as in *iii. 2. 28* above.

103. *But I do feel.* If I do not feel. Cf. v. 1. 27 above. Gr. 126.

104. *Smites.* The folios have "suits" or "suits," corrected by Capell. Pope reads "shoots."

121. *Project.* Shape, form, set forth; the only instance of the verb in S. Hanmer reads "parget," and Warb. "procter."

122. *To make.* As to make. Gr. 281.

123. *Like . . . which.* Cf. *such . . . which.* Gr. 278.

125. *Enforce.* Lay stress upon. Cf. ii. 2. 99 above.

138. *Brief.* Abstract, schedule. Cf. *M. N. D.* v. 1. 42: "There is a brief how many sports are ripe," etc.

140. *Not petty things admitted.* Trifling things excepted. Theo. changed *admitted* to "omitted"; but it seems to us more probable that Cleopatra is shrewd enough to leave the door open for the excuse she afterwards makes in 165 below. The exposure made by Seleucus leads her then to add that she has also reserved *some nobler token* for Livia and Octavia.

146. *Seal.* The 1st and 2d folios have "seele," and Johnson reads "seel;" but that word is elsewhere used only of the eyes (cf. *iii. 13. 112* above), while to *seal the mouth or lips* is a common figure. Cf. 2 *Hen. VI.* i. 2. 89, *R. and J.* v. 3. 216, *Lear*, iv. 6. 174, etc.

150. *Your wisdom.* "And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely" (*Luke*, xvi. 8).

155. *Goest thou back?* Cf. the modern vulgarism of "going back upon" a person.

163. *Parcel the sum*, etc. "Add one more *parcel* or item to the sum of my disgraces" (Malone).

164. *Envy.* Malice; as often. Cf. *Temp.* i. 2. 259, *M. of V.* iv. 1. 10, 126, etc.

166. *Immoment.* Of no moment, insignificant; used by S. nowhere else.

167. *Modern.* Ordinary. Cf. *Macb.* iv. 3. 170: "A modern ecstasy;" *R. and J.* iii. 2. 20: "modern lamentation," etc.

169. *Livia.* The wife of Caesar.

170. *Unfolded with.* Exposed by. Gr. 193.

174. *My chance.* My fortune. The figure seems to us a natural and expressive one: "or the last smouldering sparks of my fiery nature will flame forth through the ashes of my decayed fortune" (Clarke). Hanmer needlessly changes *my chance* to "mischance;" and Walker conjectures "my change." If any change were called for, we should accept Dr. Ingleby's suggestion of "glance." He refers to what Cleopatra has said in 156 above, and adds: "She would burn him up with her glance—what Milton calls 'the charm of Beauty's powerful glance' (*P. L.* viii. 533)—and though the fire had almost faded out, the very cinders would smite him."

176. *Misthought*. Misjudged. Cf. 3 *Hen. VI.* ii. 5. 108: "Misthink the king."

178. *Merits*. Deserts. Cf. *LEAR*, iii. 5. 8: "a provoking merit, set a-work by a reprobable badness in himself;" and *Id.* v. 3. 44:

"As we shall find their merits and our safety
May equally determine."

185. *Make not your thoughts your prisons*. "Do not destroy yourself by musing on your misfortune; be not a prisoner in imagination, when really you are free" (Johnson).

186. *Dispose*. Dispose of, do with. Cf. *Temp.* i. 2. 225, *C. of E.* i. 2. 73, etc.

191. *Words*. Flatters with words.

193. *Finish*. That is, die; as she had whispered her purpose of doing. Cf. *J. C.* v. 5 fol.

196. *Put it to the haste*. "Make your soonest haste" (iii. 4. 27).

199. *Makes religion*. Makes it a sacred obligation.

210. *Aprons, rules*. Cf. *J. C.* i. 1. 7: "Where is thy leather apron and thy rule?"

212. *Rank of*. Rank with. Gr. 168. Cf. *Cor.* iv. 6. 98: "The breath of garlic-eaters."

215. *Scald*. Scabby, scurvy. Cf. *Hen. V.* v. 1. 5 (see also 31, 33): "the rascally, scald, peggary, lousy, pragging knave," etc.

Quick. Lively, sprightly; with perhaps the additional idea of being prompt to take advantage of a fresh and popular subject.

216. *Ballad us*. For the fashion in the poet's day of making ballads on current events of note, see 2 *Hen. IV.* p. 186 (note on 43), or *W. T.* p. 198 (on 263) and p. 210 (on 23). Cf. also Falstaff's threat in 2 *Hen. IV.* ii. 2. 48.

217. *Extemporally*. The word occurs again in *V. and A.* 836: "sings extemporally." *Present*=represent; as in *Temp.* iv. 1. 167: "when I presented Ceres," etc. See also *M. N. D.* p. 156.

220. *Boy my greatness*. In the time of S. female parts were performed by boys or young men. See *M. N. D.* p. 134, note on *Let me not play a woman*; and cf. *A. Y. L.* p. 202, note on *If I were a woman*.

226. *Absurd*. Changed by Theo. to "assur'd." H. remarks that "there seems to be no reason why *absurd* should be used here, while *assur'd* just fits the place;" but surely if his *intents* are *assur'd* from his point of view, they are *absurd* from *hers*, for she is going to *fool* them. In the same vein, after she has done this, she calls Cæsar *an ass unpolicied* (306 below).

229. *Sirrah Iras*. See on iv. 15. 85 above.

231. *Chare*. Task. See on iv. 15. 75 above.

236. *What poor an instrument*. For the transposition of the article, see Gr. 422.

238. *Plac'd*. Fixed; as in *P. P.* 256: "plac'd without remove."

240. *Marble-constant*. Firm as marble.

242. *Avoid*. Withdraw, depart; as in *Temp.* iv. 1. 142, *C. of E.* iv. 3. 48, 66, etc.

243. *Worm*. Snake. Cf. *Cymb.* iii. 4. 37: "Outvenoms all the worms of Nile," etc.

256. *Fallible*. The 1st folio has "falliable," which should perhaps be retained as a vulgarism.

262. *Do his kind*. "Act according to his nature" (Johnson). Cf. *A. W.* i. 3. 67: "Your cuckoo sings by kind," etc. See also *Much Ado*, p. 118 (on *Kind*) and p. 154 (on *Kindly*). Malone quotes *Romeus and Juliet*, 1562: "For tickle Fortune doth, in changing, but her kind."

275. *The devil's mar five*. The Coll. MS. changes *five* to "nine." Perhaps the "old corrector" was thinking of *A. W.* i. 3. 81: "Among nine bad if one be good," etc.

278. *I wish you joy o' the worm*. "This short scene of the Clown's rustic obtuseness and grinning familiarity serves wonderfully to heighten the effect of Royal Egypt's coming death-scene; and its introduction at this juncture is completely consistent with our dramatist's scheme of contrasted situations" (Clarke).

280. *Now no more*, etc. Clarke remarks that this passage confirms the old text in 7 above. "Cleopatra here, in her own gorgeously poetical strain, takes leave of the material portion of existence, and prepares to enter upon the spiritual portion: she has previously condensed the aggregate products of earth—corn, wine, oil, fruits, and, indirectly, flesh-meat—into one superbly disdainful word *dung*; and she now figuratively sums them up in one draught of grape-juice, as the wine of life, the sustainer of mortal being, to which she bids farewell."

282. *Yare, yare*. Quick, quick. See on ii. 2. 212 above.

288. *I am fire and air*, etc. Alluding to the old idea that man was made up of the four elements. Cf. *Hen. V.* iii. 7. 23: "He is pure air and fire, and the dull elements of earth and water never appear in him." See our ed. p. 169.

292. *Aspic*. Asp. Cf. *Oth.* iii. 3. 450: "aspics' tongues." "Iras must be supposed to have applied an asp to her arm while her mistress was settling her dress" (Steevens).

301. *He'll make demand of her*. "He will enquire of her concerning me, and kiss her for giving him intelligence" (Johnson).

302. *Mortal*. Deadly; as in i. 2. 128 above. *Wretch* is not used contemptuously, but as in *Oth.* iii. 3. 90, etc. See *Oth.* p. 183.

303. *Intrinsicate*. Apparently=intricate. Cf. *Lear*, p. 203, note on *Intrinsic*.

304. *Fool*. For the use of the word as a term of endearment or pity, see *A. Y. L.* p. 151.

307. *Unpoliced*. Devoid of policy, stupid.

313. *Wild*. The folios have "wilde" or "wild;" but Capell (followed by many editors) took it to be a misprint for *vile*, which is always "vild" or "vilde" in the early eds. As Coll. remarks, "Charmian might well call the world *wild*, desert, and savage, after the deaths of Antony, Cleopatra, and others whom she loved."

315. *Windows*. Eyelids; as in *R. and J.* iv. 1. 100 (see our ed. p. 172, note on *Grey eye*), *Cymb.* ii. 2. 22, etc.

317. *Awry*. The folios have "away;" corrected by Pope.

318. *And then play.* She is perhaps thinking of Cleopatra's words in 232 above.

322. *Beguil'd.* Deceived, cheated; as in iii. 7. 74 above.

329. *Touch their effects.* Are realized. Cf. *R. of L.* 353: "Thoughts are but dreams till their effects be tried."

332. *Augurer.* See on iv. 12. 4 above.

334. *Levell'd at.* Guessed at; as in *M. of V.* i. 2. 41: "level at my affection." The metaphor is taken from *levelling*, or aiming, a musket. For its literal use, see *Rich. III.* p. 232.

345. *As.* As if. Cf. i. 2. 93 and iv. 1. 1 above.

347. *Something blown.* Somewhat swollen. Cf. iv. 6. 34 above.

351. *Caves.* "Canes" and "eaves" have been conjectured.

352. *Her physician tells me, etc.* See North, p. 160 above. *Conclusions* = experiments; as in *Cymb.* i. 5. 18, *Ham.* iii. 4. 195, etc. See also p. 20 above.

357. *Clip.* Enclose. See on iv. 8. 8 and ii. 7. 69 above.

358. *High events as these.* For the ellipsis of *so*, cf. Gr. 281.

ADDENDUM.

THE "TIME-ANALYSIS" OF THE PLAY.—We give below the summing-up of Mr. P. A. Daniel's "time-analysis" in his valuable paper "On the Times or Durations of the Action of Shakspeare's Plays" (*Trans. of New Shaks. Soc.* 1877-79, p. 237), with some explanatory extracts from the preceding pages appended as foot-notes:

"Time of the Play, twelve days represented on the stage; with intervals.

"Day 1. Act I. sc. i.-iv.

 Interval of 20 days?*

" 2. Act I. sc. v., Act II. sc. i.-iii.†

" 3. Act II. sc. iv.

 Interval [time for the news of Antony's marriage to reach Alexandria; and for the Triumvirs to meet with Pompey near Misenum].

" 4. Act II. sc. v.-vii. [Act III. sc. iii.].

 Interval? [time for the Triumvirs to return to Rome].

* "In Act I. sc. v. Alexas brings a message and a present of a pearl to Cleopatra from Antony. On his journey he has met 'twenty several messengers' sent by the Queen to Antony, and she says, 'He shall have every day a several greeting.' We may suppose then an interval of some twenty days between Days 1 and 2."

† "The first lines of Act II. sc. iii. must represent the termination of the meeting proposed in the preceding scene. At the end of it Antony bids Octavia and Cæsar good-night, and she and Cæsar evidently go out together; though the only stage direction is 'Exit.' We are, then, clearly in Antony's first day in Rome; yet his conversation with the Soothsayer, who now enters, would suppose the lapse of some time since his arrival. . . . The fact is, distant times are brought together in this scene, as in many other places of the drama."

Day 5. Act III. sc. i. and ii.*
 [Act III. sc. iii.† See Day 4.]
Interval [much wanted historically].

" 6. Act III. sc. iv. and v.
Interval [Octavia's journey from Athens to Rome].

" 7. Act III. sc. vi.
Interval.

" 8. Act III. sc. vii.

" 9. Act III. sc. viii.-x.
Interval.

" 10. Act III. sc. xi.-xiii., Act IV. sc. i.-iii.

" 11. Act IV. sc. iv.-ix.

" 12. Act IV. sc. x.-xv., Act V. sc. i. and ii.‡

" Historic time, about ten years: B.C. 40 to B.C. 30."

* "Enobarbus commences this scene with

'They have dispatch'd with Pompey, he is gone;
 The other three [the Triumvirs] are sealing. Octavia weeps
 To part from Rome; Caesar is sad; and Lepidus,
 Since Pompey's feast, as Menas says, is troubled
 With the green sickness.'

"These lines annihilate time and space. Dramatically Misenum and Rome become one. The treaty with Pompey concluded at Misenum becomes a Roman business; and the interval I have marked between this and the preceding act is of dubious propriety. It becomes still more so if we include in Day 5 the following scene, which certainly cannot be later than the morrow of Act II. sc. v."

† "Time is so shuffled in these scenes that it is extremely difficult to make out any consistent scheme; on the whole, I incline to transfer this scene to Day 4, and accordingly place it within brackets. It might follow, in stage representation, sc. vi. and vii. of Act II., or, better perhaps, come between them, thus affording variety to the audience and an equal distribution of repose and action to the players."

‡ "Much of the business of this scene—not easily to be gathered from the drama itself—is derived by the editors from Plutarch's history of Mark Antony, on which the play is founded. I am in some doubt whether a separate day, the morrow of Day 12, should not be marked for the last two scenes. Historically, of course, some time elapsed between the deaths of Antony and Cleopatra; but all these scenes from Act IV. sc. x. to the end of the play are dramatically so closely connected that, in the absence of any specific note of time which would justify this division, I have deemed it best to include them all in one day, the last."



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